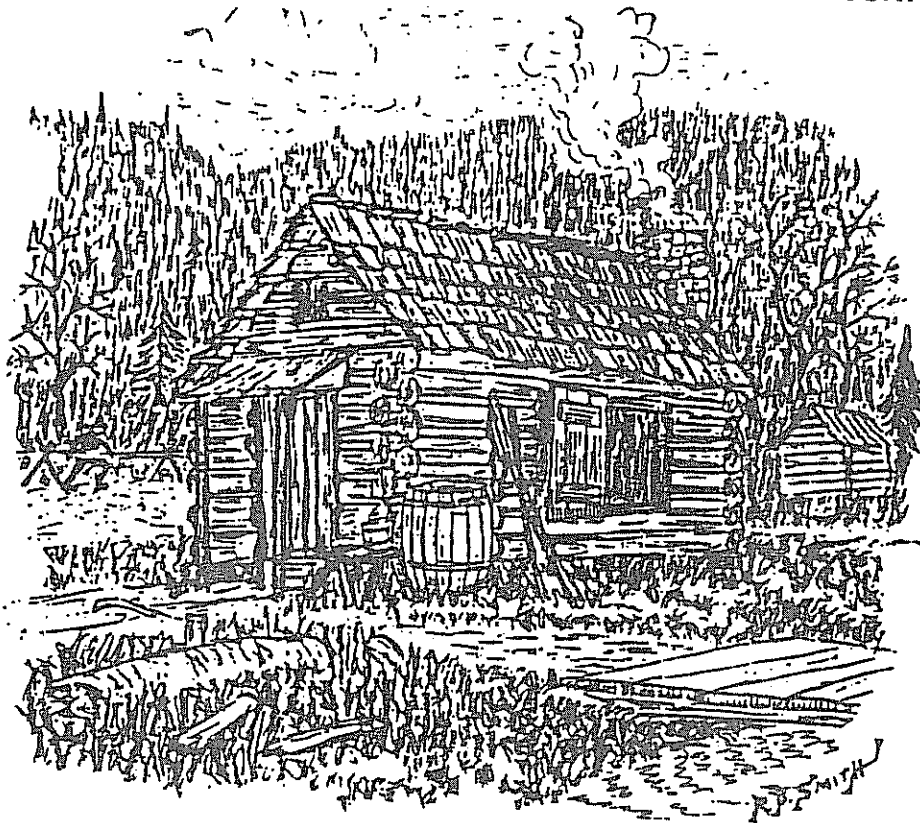


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3 October 1994

Hello, everyone!

As I worked frantically to finish this issue and get it to the printer, I received a **wonderful phone call**. Dr. Barbara Howe of WVU called to say that HCPD had received a commendation award from the AASLH?? and that she would be at the library on Friday, 7 October, to bring us the award. Seems that someone, somewhere, goofed and we were not notified in time to be present at the awards ceremony in Omaha, Nebraska, last week. But that's okay! It's nice to know that we're receiving national recognition. Now you can tell folks that you belong to an award winning society!! How about that!!

Some more good news - our former treasurer, Elaine Stalnaker, is doing better after an extended illness that sent her to Mountainview Rehabilitation Center, 1160 Van Vorhis Rd., Morgantown, WV 26505. Let's shower her with cards and let her know we wish her well! - and she sends a special thanks for all the prayers for her recovery.

While every effort was made to get this issue ready in September so that it could be mailed by now, it didn't work! However, as I work on this one, my helpers - Jane Crider and David Armstrong - are working on the next one. "God willing and the creek don't rise," Issue 1 of Volume XIII should be on it's way to you in early December. It was intended that the year-end financial report would be in this issue, but the change in treasurers and the new computer system brought that intent to a halt. Look for it in issue 1, Volume XIII.

This new computer is great! I know you'll have to notice the difference in this Journal - and more changes are yet to be made.

At our last executive board meeting, it was voted to send out a "newsletter" in between the issues of the Journal so that you, our members, will know what is happening "back home." After you receive your first issue of the newsletter, as yet untitled, we'd like to have feedback for ya'll.

Chuck and I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Gathering and the Mining Your History conference. I especially want to thank Bob and Arline Hardman for the portable microphone. It made the tours much easier.

That's it for now. Take care, God bless, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

With loving thoughts of each  
of you -

Joy



Dear Members, I would like to thank the members for giving me the opportunity to serve as president for the next two years. I will do my best to be worthy of your confidence in me.

We are presently the biggest genealogical and historical group in West Virginia (711 members in 1993-1994 from 44 states) with a highly respected library facility. However, we have one problem - our large collection has outgrown the facility. During my term, I hope that we can acquire or make definite plans to acquire a larger facility.

I would like to explain to our newer members what HCPD is about. When you joined HCPD, it was probably because you had ancestors from central West Virginia. As you do your research, you will find that a lot of our members are your third, fourth, and fifth cousins. Consequently, we are not just an organization to provide information to you; **we are your family and you are part of ours.**

We are governed by an executive board of seven people who are elected by the membership every two years. Until this year, our library was staffed entirely by volunteers; however, due to our increased size, we have had to hire an executive director to control our daily operations.

Now we are asking for help from **all of our members**. We need input from you with ideas for raising money to pay our staff person and to help obtain a larger facility. We also need contributors to our library endowment fund.

The endowment fund was established three years ago to help pay utilities and maintenance costs for the library. Our goal was \$30,000. To date we have about \$27,000 in the fund. This includes donations from our members and interest which has been "rolled over."

Three years ago, when we started the endowment fund, we had 300 members and received 25 life memberships. Today, we are more than twice as big and have only 29 life members.

A life membership in HCPD is a donation of \$500 or more. These monies are placed in the endowment fund. According to our by-laws, the endowment fund cannot be used for anything other than library maintenance. The endowment fund is governed by an endowment board of five members - two of whom are members of the executive committee. If you would like further information about the endowment fund, please contact me at (304) 269-9789 (home), (304) 269-701 (our library), or write to HCPD.

In closing, please remember - we are your "back home in West Virginia" family. We are here to help you. If you have any suggestions to help us do our jobs better, please write and tell us.

Love -  
Charlie



**Annual Gathering - 1994 Style**

by Raydine Teicheira

Each year as we reach the culmination of our year's work we wonder, "Will our program be well received? Will people like our new meeting place? Will we still have that 'family feeling?'"

Wednesday, August 10th, we had no time to worry about anything but the preparations that filled our day. Library materials were organized and packed in time for workers to join the "General Jackson" cruise on Stonewall Jackson Lake. It was a perfect day, a perfect trip, a perfect group of people, and once again we had an auspicious beginning.

Thursday was a day of frenzied activity. Under the direction of Irma Curtis and Mary Lee Smith, the Weston firemen (our next-door neighbors) moved the library materials to the multi-purpose building at Stonewall Jackson State Park.

By afternoon we were in operation - the sales desk was filled with publications, tables were filled with busy researchers, old friends were gossiping and savory aromas from the kitchen were tempting us to peek at our watches to check for dinner time. Patty Swisher and Bernadette Law, with help from many, cooked the main dishes and organized the buffet. Members brought wonderful dishes of astounding variety. The potluck supper turned out to be fantastic!

Once appetites were sated, members returned to research, to visit and to participate in an informal brain-storming session that didn't solve great problems but did give us much food for thought.

Friday morning the registration desk and library were crowded as members began to organize work and plan schedules. All of the library, sales and research tables were in the large room of the building. Seminars were held in adjacent smaller rooms. Comment: Because of acoustical problems in the large room, the evening sessions had to be held in the smaller rooms. As a result, fewer people attended and more remained in the library for evening research.

Tours were popular and well attended. Thanks to Bob and Arline Hardman's gift of an address system, communication was easier than the "shout" method of previous years.

Friday evening was a time for relaxation and enjoyment. The Central Connection Cloggers were a hit as always, and we marveled at the energy those young people could muster up on such a hot evening. Storyteller Noel Tenney of The Hill Lorists held us spellbound as he took us back to life as our ancestors knew it with its spiritual, supernatural, and humorous happenings.

Saturday was another great day. We were warm but the air-conditioning worked and we had sunshine for the tour. The business meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. and concluded in time for lunch at 11:30. New officers were elected and members were given reports of the past year's activities. As out-going president, Maurice Allman, had an important conference in Connecticut, our vice president, Charles Gilchrist, presided.

Saturday afternoon a tour group went to southern Lewis County, with a visit to Bulltown State Park and battle site in Braxton County. Jack Boone, director at Bulltown, gave us a great tour.

After dinner we walked to nearby Mitchell Cemetery to visit the tombstone of charter member and past president Robert B. Smith. A moving tribute to Bob and other deceased HCPD members was given by Bob's son Larry in his portrayal of his ancestor, Reverend David Smith. We all missed Bob's helpful presence at our meeting, but it gave us solace to see his lovely and peaceful resting place.

Our evening program was well attended. Marjorie Zirk spoke about our early pioneers and how they came from Pennsylvania, old Virginia, and New Jersey to the South Branch Valley before they made the trek across the mountains to our area. Cleo Rollins, Joe Bartlett, and "The Bartlett Clan" entertained us with dulcimers and songs, and we went home with thoughts of our adventurous ancestors in our minds.

Sunday morning the Walkersville United Methodist Church was filled with HCPD members who conducted an impressive service. The library materials were returned to the library by the firemen and we were ready to reopen Monday morning.

Added to our schedule this year was a program for children conducted by Jane Crider with help from many young and old volunteers. They toured the lake area, saw Jackson's Mill, painted tee-shirts, visited with the Flaherty clowns, and helped with chores. Jane is to be commended for her hard work and leadership.

In retrospect, I have a few personal thoughts, some good, some worrisome. Moving to a new location was difficult - travel distance from motels, increased costs, and a different setting bothered some. We had no choice - we've just outgrown all other sites in Lewis County! The park is beautiful, quiet and has no traffic or parking problems.

We missed some of our most faithful members for various unavoidable reasons. We also greeted many members who were attending for the first time, and I had the fear that they didn't get the "family feeling" that was so precious to us in former years. As we grow, I know we change; but, I hope we never lose that special sense of belonging. Old friends, we talked about you -- Ruth, Martha, Artie and Marie Hacker, May and Charlie White; Elaine Stalnaker, the Lines, Lolita Guthrie, the Townsends, Ellie Maroon, Billie, Olive, and Flodia, Thelma, Kate, Ruth Strother, Bill Hayes, and Jerry Jackson - to name a few. New friends - I hope we made you feel welcome and that by next year we will be comfortable in our new surroundings and will have more time to promote the "kissin' cousin" feeling.

Until next September, I'll just say, "Y'all stop by anytime, ya' hear! The latch string is always out!"

Love from  
Cousin Raydine

**MINUTES - HCPD ANNUAL GATHERING**

Stonewall Jackson Lake

13 August 1994

10:00 a.m., August 13, 1994, Stonewall Jackson Lake Conference Room, Roanoke, West Virginia.

Charles Gilchrist, vice president of HCPD, called the meeting to order. Chuck chaired this meeting in absence of the president, Maurice Allman, who is in Connecticut attending the conference of the RC&D Board.

The secretary, Eva Newlon, submitted a motion to accept the minutes of the 1993 Gathering as included in each packet given to those registering for the Gathering. They were approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was given by acting treasurer Patricia Viellenave in lieu of treasurer Elaine Stalnaker who was absent because of illness. There was discussion of the Lord Abbott Account, the endowment fund, and profits of the history book (A Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia). Chuck explained the Lord Abbott fund - what monies have been put in this account, the interest it is paying, and what the money is earmarked for. The history book profits will be used for future growth; we have only 300 books left out of a total of 1,560 printed. We have paid Bill Hayes the seed money used to start the book. The endowment fund is not as complete as was originally projected; the interest from this account is to be used to operate the library. Chuck pointed out that of the 700 members, there are only 28<sup>1</sup> life members. Ralph Hinzman, broker for the Lord Abbott account, explained how the account is handled. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Chuck introduced the executive director, Christina Rumbach. She reported on the activities of the library since she was hired six months ago. She asked members to pick up a comment sheet which she prepared. The sheet will help in planning activities for the library and future Gatherings.

The librarian, Irma Curtis, thanked the members of the Weston Fire Department for moving the library and the HCPD members for their contributions to the library. She also thanked the volunteers who staff the library. Irma is to be congratulated for doing a great job.

Cemetery chairman, Matha Byrd, announced that there were still some large cemeteries to be read. She said that while a group of members was reading Macphelah Cemetery, Weston, they were approached by a member of the Weston City Cemetery Board who asked that HCPD not publish it. Although the reading of the cemetery is completed and a copy is in the library, no further action towards publishing the book will be taken until a later date.

The editor, Joy Gilchrist, commented on the sale of the history books and the profits; she also noted that due to the change of the publishing schedule, the

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<sup>1</sup>Doris and Ben Poinsett have become life members since the Gathering. Now we have 29.

Journals were published for 1994 different than usual. Issue one, two and three combined and four to be received by October 1, provided there is not a problem at the printers. She told of future publications.

Members pointed out that we should be a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and should send representatives to the meetings as well as other state societies. Members who live in the state where the conferences are held should attend the meetings and, with prior arrangement, HCPD should pay the registration costs.

New Business: The slate of officers for the next two year term was presented by Eva Newlon. They were: Charles Gilchrist, president; Hartzel Strader, vice president; Elaine Stalnaker, treasurer; Eva Newlon, secretary; Irma Curtis, librarian; and Joy Gilchrist, editor. According to our by-laws, Maurice Allman will join the executive board as junior past president.

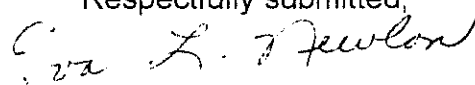
A call for nominations from the floor was made by Chuck. None were made. Joyce Chambers moved to accept the slate as presented and it was seconded by Ed Allman. Motion carried.

In conclusion Charles Gilchrist read a telegram from the retiring president, Maurice Allman, to those present. (That telegram follows these minutes.)

Next year's Gathering will be held at the Stonewall Jackson Lake Conference Center August 10-13, 1995.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Eva Newlon, Secretary



**TELEGRAM FROM RETIRING PRESIDENT MAURICE ALLMAN**

Greetings from Waterbury, Connecticut. Bertha and I are attending the Annual Conference of the North East Region of the National Association of Conservation Districts and Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D).

I am representing one of the 124 soil and water conservation districts of West Virginia and one of six RC&D & D Councils of WV.

If I were present with you, I would say that I have been honored to have been your president for the past six years. I am presently honored to serve the membership of HCPD, and I shall always treasure the memories of being a part of a nationwide effort to research and record family histories in Central West Virginia.

In 1993, as I recall, I wrote in the HCPD Journal that "the Annual meeting was successfully conducted without the HCPD President (while I was in Vermont) and that was because we have good officers, good committee members, and equally important, outstanding members from coast to coast.

As any successful basketball or football coach will say, "we have a good depth of field." The lack of one player does not stop the game. Likewise, the absence of one HCPD officer cannot stop an HCPD Annual Gathering.

Six years as your president have gone by swiftly.

During those six years, the HCPD Executive Committee met over 72 times to listen, learn, plan and get things done.

Over 1000 phone calls have been made by and between the executive committee to strive for awareness, needs, and understanding to meet growing requests for services from our increasing membership.

Over 50,000 hours have been volunteered by HCPD in six years.

Headquarters for ancestor researching have been established in Central West Virginia. A home base of operations is vital and essential. A comfortable, safe, accessible base is not only a place to receive and store family history data, but also to receive and act on new ideas, methods, and to develop strategies of change.

I submit to each of you that a high priority should be placed in our volunteer efforts to preserve, protect, and maintain our home base.

This involves safe and sound financial planning, budgeting, and keeping our monthly treasurer's report in the black most of the time in order to show a gain in our reserves each year!

Just two months ago, a resource development speaker in Memphis, TN, said to us that major changes used to come about every decade. Now we are seeing not only an evolution of changes each year, but he said in some areas as communications, the changes come as avalanches on us.

I believe we can meet the challenges of constant changes provided we place our assumptions on well researched data and keep aware of current trends.

Letter writing, phone calls, faxing, E mail, "slow mail", computers, networking are all vital. But isn't it great to get the HCPD Journal where you can

read what you and others have discovered about your ancestors? This documented data will not change.

Question: How could so few people gather together at the same time and place and accomplish so much for so many in a short time?

A quick review will reveal how two women, Joy Gilchrist and Betty Graybill, in the early eighties decided to learn of their heritage. They invited others to join in the research of each other's ancestors.

We moved our library from Ohio, which was in the Gilchrist home, to West Virginia. The Wes-Mon-Ty RC&D Council provided technical and financial assistance to make the historic move with technical assistance from Sheldon Findley, RC&D Coordinator of Philippi, WV.

With intensive searching efforts by the executive committee, we now have a home base from which to serve and plan for growing needs. This location is at 345 Center Avenue, Weston, WV. This location was formerly the Weston Colored School. Now it is the Central West Virginia Genealogical and Historic Library and Museum. It is operated by the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, Inc.

The late Robert B. Smith led the way to Charleston, with Raydine Teicheira and me to attend an all day session on the importance of Budgeting. I must say this all day session was tedious, long, and maybe a little boring. But with IRS, CPA's, attorneys, business executives, CEO's and managers unzipping our scalps and pouring in the importance of knowing where our income would come from and what expenses we will have, - made the day worth while.

Expenses and income are frequently changing they said; therefore a Budget is a tool to review each month and make necessary adjustments. They said a Budget is never set in concrete, rather it is pliable like plastic and can reflect current financial conditions.

A cash flow chart is an easy and pleasant tool to use monthly they said (see attached chart showing our monthly variations).

I will leave to our executive committee and working committees to list some of our major accomplishments during the past few years.

Basically, I have tried to lead somewhat like the old Chinese proverb which says, "A good leader is one who when his term is completed, his followers will say 'we really didn't need him at all.'"

And finally, I would hope my male successors as HCPD presidents will maintain the time honored and long standing well established tradition of sharing a least a small bear hug to all of the feminine helpers at each meeting.

Best wishes to all members and friends of HCPD for a continuing and expanding collection of family histories in Central West Virginia.

Maurice L. Allman, President

## LAKES, DAMS, CLOWNS, and FAMILY

by Dena Jane Crider

What a fantastic time for the younger set! This year's gathering was the first time there was an actual children's program and surprisingly it turned out to be quite a success.

There were 15 children ranging in age from 4 to 15 participating in the activities. On Friday we toured the Stonewall Dam and Jackson's Mill, kids and adults learned a lot of fun facts and got a peek into The Mountain State Building and Mary Conrad. A pizza dinner was enjoyed at the Pavilion.

Saturday morning was bright and clear - a perfect day for clowning by Sasha and Jupe. Many thanks goes to the Flaherty's for their antics. Children and adults enjoyed the show. We also enjoyed a pictorial tour of New Romney by Vickki Mitchell and viewed many photographs of the way it was.

Already plans are under way for a trip to French Creek to the Animal Park, more clowning, and much more. I would be interested in any comments you might have on the children's program both good and bad. Already we've been promised the attendance of 18 for next year - why not bring your grandchild along for some fun.

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# WANTED!

Obituaries - I'm interested in Obituaries of the more elegant style. Obituaries of the day when writing was an art form and births and deaths were elegantly recorded for all time. Please send photocopies to HCPD c/o the Editor.

[illegible]

## FARNSWORTH MEDAL AVAILABLE

Henry Farnsworth enlisted in Company F, First Regiment, (West) Virginia Volunteer Infantry, at Wheeling on 28 October 1861. He served through the end of his enlistment and was awarded an "Honorable Discharge" medal from the new state of West Virginia after the war.

According to HCPD member Twila Hinzman, the medal is now in the battlefield Museum at New Market, Virginia and may be claimed by any family who can prove relationship.

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REMEMBER TO INCLUDE AN S.A.S.E WITH YOUR CORRESPONDENCE!

## MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS

HCPD by-laws establish two-year terms for the officers; and, according to the by-laws, the new officers are seated at the end of the annual meeting. The officers, together with the junior past president, comprise the executive committee or executive board. This committee handles the week-to-week and month-to-month operation of HCPD and the Central West Virginia Genealogical and Historical Library and Museum. The committee presently employs Christina Rumbach as Executive Director of our day-to-day operations.

Since HCPD is YOUR organization and YOUR family - even if many of you have never met us - the editorial staff thought it would be nice to tell you a little about the new officers. Here goes -

**Charles H. Gilchrist**, president: Call him "Charles," "Charlie," "Chuck," or "Chuckaroo." He'll answer to almost anything. HCPD Charter Member. Married to Joy, our editor. Father of five and grandfather of fifteen. Born in Akron, Ohio, commonly called "The Capital of West Virginia." Lived in Ohio all his life until he retired as truck driver with 32 years service at Consolidated Freightways and brought Joy back to West Virginia to live in 1991. His connection to Hacker's Creek and central West Virginia: Joy, two years as v.p. of HCPD, and twelve years as "gofer" for HCPD. He's a Methodist, a Mason, a member of East Lewis Lions Club, a former Scout leader, a former 4-H advisor, and an apprentice auctioneer. He loves antiques and the Gilchrists have a space in a Weston antique mall. His hobbies: genealogy and family history (he works one day a week in our library); printing all of HCPD's publications (except the Journal); volunteer miller at Jackson's Mill; collecting glassware; a big auto race fan (Harry Gant's his favorite); and the Civil War. His likes: his dog Mama; his cat Roscoe; ice cream before he goes to bed.

**Hartzel Strader**, vice president: A native Lewis Countian, he lives in Miamisburg, Ohio. He comes to Lewis County at least one full week every month to see his parents, Guy and Ottie (Meadows) Strader, who live on Wildcat Run above Vandalia in Skin Creek District. He's a graduate of WVU and was a chemist until he retired. He served in the US Army 1953-55. HCPD Charter Member and a charter member of Montgomery County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society. Also belongs to the First Families of Ohio, Miami Valley Genealogical Society, and served 28 years as president of The Rexroad Family and Simpson Chapel Homecoming Group in Lewis County. He is presently trustee and v.p. of Simpson Chapel Cemetery Association. Married to: Betty Lou Wagner, R.N., a geriatric specialist. Children: Thomas Guy, Linda Margaret, and Alan Lee. Two grandchildren and another on the way. Author of: History of Simpson Chapel and Community; Strader Family History, Linger Family History, and Strader-Meadows Genealogy and well as a couple of minor works. His newest books, Death Records of Lewis County (2 volumes), are offered for the first time in this issue. His hobbies: genealogy; his computer (he's placed



40,000 names into computer programs which will eventually be available on HCPD bulletin board); and gardening (especially dahlias). In his "spare" time in Ohio, he's a professional dahlia judge; in his "spare" time in West Virginia, he plays checkers with his dad.

**Eva Newlon**, secretary: A native of Clarksburg, Eva still resides there with her husband Bob. The mother of four and grandmother of eight, Eva takes her "grandmothering" seriously; she babysits their granddaughter Kelly while her daughter works. A former travel agent, Eva loves people and delights in volunteering in the HCPD library every Saturday. She's secretary of Bristol High School Alumni Association. Her hobbies: remodeling and building things (watch out, fella's! she's a jack-of-all-trades); genealogy (Brown and Norris, just to name two); and learning to use the computer. Eva's been doing genealogy for six years. She says, "I started this when my grandson, Gregory Scalise, had a class in high school that required him to name his ancestors back to Europe. On his father's side, he went back two generations; on his mother's, we went all the way back to George Brown who originally came from Scotland and Ireland."

**Patricia Viellenave**, treasurer: Patricia has graciously accepted the appointment of the executive board as treasurer for the next two years, in lieu of Elaine Stalnaker who resigned in September because of health reasons.

Patricia was born in West Virginia; but her family moved out-of-state when she was six. Her dream: to return to West Virginia to live. That dream was realized in Spring 1994 when she and two of her four children returned to French Creek, Upshur County. Her husband Bud, a corrections officer in Nevada, will join them when he retires next year. Patricia and Bud have four children and two grandchildren; and, she home-schools their youngest daughter, Ashley. So, when you see Ashley in the library, talk to her but remember - she has to do her school work.

Patricia became interested in genealogy when Bud's Aunt Florence handed her some family group sheets on the Viellenaves and she thought it looked interesting. As time went on, she got more involved. Then she was affiliated with the Mormon church for a while and that further sparked her interests. She says, "About ten years ago, I really got serious; my house hasn't been the same since."

She's "hooked" on computers, too.

**Irma Curtis**, librarian: Irma's a charter member of HCPD and has been the HCPD librarian for six years. She works at her "job" nearly every day at home and is at the library every Friday. She hails from Ridgely, WV, over on the Maryland-West Virginia line and she's married to Carl Curtis, one of the large Curtis family who were raised on the Berlin Road near Weston.

Irma used to be super-shy and afraid to speak in public. She spent her time caring for her large family of Carl, eight children (one's deceased) and seventeen grandchildren. Then Carl got sick and had to have surgery. Irma

says, "We feared the worst; but it turned out the best. I felt I had to give back some of what had been given me. I got involved with the church and HCPD. In return, I was given more. I'm no longer shy and I can get up in front of people and talk. The Lord's been good to me." (He's also been good to HCPD, Irma. You were the answer to our prayers for a "good" librarian. God bless you.)

**Joy Gilchrist**, editor: Descended from John Hacker, Lewis County's first citizen, she's a native of Lewis and Harrison counties, WV; co-founder of HCPD with Betty Graybill, and its first president; editor of the Journal since the society's inception in 1982. She's a writer and a public speaker. She's the author of six books, including the new Pictorial History of Old Lewis County: The Crossroads of Central West Virginia, and is presently working on Children of the Storm: A History of the Fifteenth West Virginia Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War. Her articles appear with regularity in Goldenseal (a West Virginia heritage magazine), the Weston Democrat, and The Hillbilly. As a member of the West Virginia Archives and History Commission, she was the co-chairman of Mining Your History: West Virginia's First Family and Local History Conference. She's registrar for Trans-Allegheny Chapter, D.A.R., and volunteers at Jackson's Mill in the historic area. She spends Mondays and most Tuesdays at the library and is there from time to time on other days. Joy's always been interested in genealogy and has been working on family history (hers and anybody who ever lived in central West Virginia) for twenty years.

When not involved with HCPD, she's active in her church (Stonecoal) and gardens and cans, reads (anything with a printed word but mostly non-fiction and romances), refinishes furniture, and spoils her grandchildren.

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### BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR SALE

Save yourself time when researching in our library. Order your copy of h.c.p.d. bibliography: A Listing of Books in the Central West Virginia Genealogy Library, compiled by our librarian, Irma Curtis. This book lists all books by category and number. Sufficient space is allotted in each category to update your copy from the listings of library acquisitions which appear in each Journal.

This research aide is available at \$6.50 per copy, plus \$1.50 shipping and handling. West Virginia residents must include 6% sales tax. Use order blank in back of this issue to order your copy today.

## FAXES AND BULLETIN BOARDS

We're wired!!! You can now reach us by FAX!! Our FAX number is **(304) 269-4430**.

Back in March the executive committee began discussing the purchase of a new computer with FAXMODEM, CDROM, etc., to network with the two computers that were given to us two years ago by member Chester Steyer.

Reasons for purchasing a new computer included: (1) one of the donated ones was "sick" and would best be used as a work station; (2) increased membership to service (711 at the end of 1993/94 - up 200 from two years ago); (3) better quality for the Journal with lazer printer; (4) need for FAX (cost of using a local agent \$2.50 per page faxed); (5) establish a bulletin board; (6) availability of genealogical data for computer; (7) cost saver (no more printed letterhead, less time to enter data, less time to get Journal ready); (8) scan court record indices to save space; (9) compilation of hundreds of thousands of family records; and (10) we wanted it!

We gathered together members from all over the country who were computer-wise - Okey Paul Corley from Connecticut, David Kuhl from Mississippi, Jackson's Mill director Bill Frye, and Jackson's Mill computer man Dean Hardman. As a committee at one of our executive meetings, they told us what they thought we should have. In addition, we talked to members who came to the library who were computer knowledgeable. The Lewis County Convention and Visitors Bureau had purchased a new computer in March and had done an intensive study about what to buy. They shared that knowledge with us. Patty Swisher attended a computer workshop in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and shared what she learned. Raydine Teicheira's son, West, is a computer technician and we talked with him. And we read PC magazines. And we had sales people come and talk to us.

We studied our financial status - lease, buy, pay cash, borrow. We talked to our banker (Lew Pellegrin at Citizens Bank) and our investment rep (member Ralph Hinzman). We earmarked some grant money from RC&D for future expansion (computer??). After careful study, we decided that it was best to borrow rather pay cash. (Our investment pays us about 8 1/2% and the bank would let us borrow at prime rate.)

Bill Frye and Dean Hardman offered to network the three computers in the library for the cost of the hardware and software only - no charge for labor (a savings of \$700). The computer lab at Jackson's Mill offered a one-day training session for library volunteers at no charge. (Registration fee is usually \$95/person.) We'd take care of the bulletin board somewhere along the way - somehow.

At last, after six months of careful deliberation, at the August meeting, the executive committee voted to purchase a Leading Edge 486DX2, CD ROM, an Okidata printer (emulates HP Laser Jet II), and a flat bed scanner from Magic Computer at Bridgeport for \$5500. We chose this company because of price, technical support, and a three year, on-site guarantee. No hassles of taking

computers to them - they come to us. The computer was delivered the week after the Gathering.

Some of us went to work to make some extra monies to help pay for the computer. The ladies began to have "eat stands" for some of our local auctions; we had a raffle at the gathering; and any donations (including one, so far, for \$100) to help defray the cost have been happily accepted.

We made a nice down-payment, installed and paid for a dedicated phone line, had the hardware donated for the network, bought the software for the network, and purchased 22 genealogy CD disks. We borrowed the rest.

The computer had been in the library only a few days when a new member offered to set up a RemoteAccess (bulletin board) and no charge.

Now we're learning to use it - THIS JOURNAL IS ONE OF THE PRODUCTS - and the bulletin board is on the way. You'll be hearing more about it within the next month or so.

In anticipation of questions our members may have, here's some answers:

Q: How will it be set up?

A: We don't know yet.

Q: What will it cost?

A: Small fee in addition to HCPD membership. We'll let you know.

Q: Will it be a public or private bulletin board?

A: Users will be required to be HCPD members.

While you're waiting for the bulletin board, FAX us!

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### FOR SALE INDEX TO MAXWELL'S HISTORY OF BARBOUR COUNTY

One of the major problems with the old county histories is the lack of an index. HCPD member Marlene Jones of Fairmont has corrected this in one instance; she's indexed Hu Maxwell's History of Barbour County.

The ninety-one page, every name index is published by the Hacker's Creek Press and is available at the HCPD library or by mail order with the proceeds to benefit HCPD. The cost is \$5.00 per copy picked up at the library. To order by mail, see the last page in this Journal.

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### HERALDRY

Anyone interested in Heraldry, Heraldic representative, or a family Coat of Arms, may contact Charles W. Heckert, Rt. 4, Box 625B, Buckhannon, WV 26201, for further information.

Charlie is a Captain of Arms with the American College of Heraldry, University of Alabama, and also registered with the Department of National Education, Bureau of Heraldry, in Pretoria, Republic of South Africa. In addition, he is also a Knight Hospitaller in the international chivalric organization of the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem.



## LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS

The following books were shelved in the Central West Virginia Genealogical and Historical Library after the publication of the last issue of HCJ. The first column is the file number in the library.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Donor</u>
BR-9	Harrison Co., Va (WV) 1853-1855	Elizabeth Reel
JO-400	News Notes (Fayette & Raleigh Co, WV)	Fayette/Raleigh Society
LO-93	Kanawha Valley Historical & Preservation Society Membership List	
FA-302	George McLean Diary	Allegheny Reg Fam Hist Soc
FA-303	Hyde-Hardman Families	
JO-327	Vandalia Journal	Harriet Huebingerl
CR-14	Lewis County Court Records	
	added to FA-31 Hacker, Descendants of John	
	added to FA-207 Elisha Hall Roger Ryan	
US-91	Christmas With the Washington's	Marilyn Pumphrey
US-92	The Covered Bridge	Joyce Chambers
MP-30	World Atlas	George Scott
OS-15	Road Atlas	George Scott
OS-16	West Virginia County Maps	George Scott
RB	Short Stories and Poems	Lawrence Chapman
WV-114	Short Stories and Poems (copy)	Lawrence Chapman
RF-74	Inventory Defense Map of West Virginia	Golden Hamrick
RF-76	Telephone Directory Clarksburg 1975	
RF-77	Telephone Directory Greater Clarksburg 1975	
FA-304	Hartwell Family	
FA-305	Free Queries	
RF-78	Heraldry in America	
ML-75	DAR Patriot Index (Cen. Ed.), I	Trans-Alleghany DAR
ML-76	DAR Patriot Index (Cen. Ed.), II	Trans-Alleghany DAR
ML-77	DAR Patriot Index (Cen. Ed.), III	Trans-Alleghany DAR
OS-17	Fisher Family Misc.	
ML-78	On the Plains in '65	Bill Hayes
ML-79	Military Misc (Carnifax Ferry/Droop Mtn)	
	added to FA-167 Cutright Family	
LO-63	Principio to Wheeling	Janice M. Coontz
FA-306	5-Generation Charts - Holmes Co, OH	Golden Hamrick
RF-79	Library Holdings - Holmes County, OH	Dena Jane Crider
FA-315	Zickefoose	Dena Jane Crider
WV-141	Who's Who in the Nursing Profession	Dena Jane Crider
ML-80	The Twenty-Second Pennsylvania - Ringgold Cavalry Association	Linda Meyers
FA-309	Cook-Bird-Hull-Conrad Families	Ed Milam
FA-310	Benjamin LeMasters	Conrad Cook
FA-311	Wiant-Wyant	Ronald Hardway
CE-161	Dead and Buried in New England	Patricia Wyant
CR-20	Monongalia County Deed Books 1784-	Earl & Matha Byrd
WV-143	The Cam Henderson Story	Earl & Matha Byrd
ML-84	Veterans of Harrison County A-G	Kent & Marjorie West
ML-85	Veterans of Harrison County H-W	Bill Smith
PI-12	Dennison Cemetery Pictures & Readings	Bill Smith
		Marlene Kaltenbach
		& Pauline McCutcheon
FA-321	Gordon, Smell, Spurgeon	Guy Rollins
CS-69	Census - Greene Co, PA 1820, 1850, 1880	Elizabeth Reel
FA-324	Heflin Family	Barbara Paxson
FA-325	Issue of Jacob Johnson	Mabel Tenney
	added to LO-81 Legionnaire	James W. Linger
	Fultz Material	Jo Ann Stevens
	Gilmer County Cemeteries	Beulah Robinson

The following were purchased by HCPD:

OB-17      Obituaries-Births-Marriages from Lewis County Newspapers  
 FA-152      Zigenfuss to Zickefoose  
 VA-49      Index Virginia Genealogist, Vols. 1-20  
 VA-64      Virginia Genealogist Volume 15  
 VA-65      Virginia Genealogist Volume 16  
 RF-75      Directory Newspaper Genealogical Columns  
 ML-74      The New Loyalist Index  
 CR-15      Lewis County Court Minutes 1817-1825  
 LO-98      History of Kanawha  
 OB-18      Precious Memories of Our Loved Ones  
 WV-140      The Torch - West Virginia 4-H All Stars  
 JO-260      Clay County (WV) Now and Then  
 CE-26      Lewis County Cemeteries, Vol. 8  
 added to CR-9   Hampshire County Minutes Books Abstracts, Vol. II  
 FA-320      The Melungeons  
 FA-317      Surnames of Hampshire County  
 ML-88      Graves of Revolutionary Patriots Vol. 1, A-D  
 ML-89      Graves of Revolutionary Patriots Vol. 2, E-K  
 ML-90      Graves of Revolutionary Patriots Vol. 3 L-R  
 ML-91      Graves of Revolutionary Patriots Vol. 4 S-Z  
 VA-66      Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 17  
 VA-67      Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 18  
 VA-68      Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 19  
 VA-69      Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 20  
 FA-326      Robey-Roby-Robie Family, Vol. I  
 FA-327      Robey-Roby-Robie Family, Vol. II

The following donated by Nancy Jackson:

ML-63      Fort Seybert, New Interpretations of  
 added to MI-28   The National Limited-Ohio River Limited Souvenir Trip Guide  
 AP-3      The Coal Miner of Appalachia  
 US-37      Folk Ways & Customs of Old Kentucky  
 AP-4      Life & Religion in Southern Appalachia  
 AP-5      The Watches of the Night  
 AP-6      Yesterday's People  
 AP-7      The Hollow  
 AP-8      Our Appalachia  
 AP-9      The Southern Highlander & His Homeland  
 AP-10      Appalachia (Its People, Heritage and Problems)  
 BR-10      Lewis County Births (non-whites)  
 ML-87      Virginia Frontier Defenses  
 ML-87      Jonathan M. Bennett, As Confederate Portrait  
 CR-17      Minute Book, Sussex Co, NJ  
 FA-322      Heartland of the Middle Fork  
 FA-323      Ramblings

The following donated by David Armstrong:

RF-58      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1954/1955  
 RF-59      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1955/1956  
 RF-60      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1965  
 RF-61      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1966  
 RF-62      Telephone Directory Buckhannon-Rock Cave 1966  
 RF-63      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins Jan 1968  
 RF-64      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins Dec 1968  
 RF-65      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1969  
 RF-66      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1970  
 RF-67      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1972  
 RF-68      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1973  
 RF-69      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1974  
 RF-70      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1975  
 RF-71      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1978  
 RF-72      Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1979

RF-73 Telephone Directory Belington-Elkins 1981  
 NC-7 Tygart Valley Newspaper Clippings

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 The following donated by Charles and Joy Gilchrist:

US-82 A Texan Looks at Lyndon  
 US-83 The Ordeal of Power  
 US-84 Strangers in the Land  
 US-85 The Best and the Brightest  
 US-86 A History of the United States  
 US-87 The Triumph of American Capitalism  
 US-88 The Politics of Unreason  
 US-89 Out of Our Past  
 US-90 The Growth of Southern Civilization  
 US-93 Incredible Tales  
 US-94 The Age of the Moguls  
 US-95 Ante intellectualism in American Life  
 US-96 Politics Reform Expansion  
 US-97 Republican Ascendancy  
 US-98 In the Nation 1932-1966  
 US-99 The History of Pennsylvania  
 US-100 The Pennsylvania Story  
 US-101 The Keystone State  
 CH-20 Mt. Morris School & Church, Cove District (Barbour County)  
 LO-94 WV Historic Places - National Register Application Forms  
 LO-95 WV Historic Places - National Register Application Forms  
 LO-96 WV Historic Places - National Register Application Forms  
 LO-97 WV Historic Places - National Register Application Forms  
 FA-307 Tri-County Researchers

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 The following filed in FA-308 - Misc Families, Vol XIX:

Bush	
Clawson	Heidi Clawson
Fisher	
Goff	
Hayes-Jackson	Nancy Jackson
Hinzman	Rocky Swisher
Lovell	Glea Waugh
Maxwell	Rocky Swisher
Ramsburg	
Scholl	
Waggoner	Murrell Waggoner
Weber-Gerstner	James Weber
Westfall	
Zickefoose	Dena Jane Crider

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 The following filed in FA-318, Misc Families Vol XX:

Allman	Ed Allman
Berry	
Coon	Ruth Runner
Cowgill	
Doran	Kenneth Bowers
Flesher	David Armstrong
Guseman	
Hall	Roger Ryan
Hughes	Rocky Swisher
Lynch	
Moon	
Ocheltree	Nina Goodman
Simmons	Robert Simmons
West	E. Kent West

The following donated by Raymond Wolfe, Jr.

CR-16      Warning Out in New England  
 US-38      The Spirit of 1776  
 LO-44      Lewis County, WV, Crossroads to the Future  
 FA-312      Cutright, 4th Generation of John & Rebecca (Truby) Cutright  
 FA-313      Cutright, 5th Generation of John & Rebecca (Truby) Cutright  
 FA-314      Cutright, 6th Generation of John & Rebecca (Truby) Cutright  
 LO-99      Greenbrier County Towns  
 WV-31      Tales of Webster County  
 FA-316      Anna's Gift to the World  
 RF-80      How Do I Find the Parents  
 US-61      The Mountain Men and the Fur Trade  
 WV-142      Mom and Ramps Forever  
 added to Ch-13 Lutheran Church  
 IN-14      The Indian Wars  
 FA-319      Recollections of a Life Time  
 ML-83      Memoirs of Major American Wars Index  
 added to LO-78 History of Beverly  
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Magazines and Journals not filed by number:

Donated by Doris Poinsett:

National Genealogical Society Quarterly 28 issues 1982-1989  
 Augusta County Historical Society 11 issues 1986-1991

Donated by Harriet M. Huebinger

The Vandalia Journal 4 issues - 1993  
 N.C. Genealogical Soc. Journal 4 iss. 1993  
 Our Heritage - 4 iss. 1993

Donated by David Armstrong

Goldenseal - 2 issues 1990  
 Goldenseal - 2 issues 1991

Donated by Donald B. Young:

Tri County Researchers, vol. 7 2 issues  
 The Torch, Vol. 7, 2 issues  
 Mugwumps, Vol. 6, 6 issues  
 Mugwumps, Vol. 7, 3 issues  
 E. S. Eldedtrach, 4 issues  
 Journal of the PA & German Society, vol. 17, 1 iss; vol 18, 1 iss; vol 19, 2 iss; vol 20, 2 iss; vol 21, 2 iss;  
 vol 22, 2 iss; vol 23, 2 iss; vol 24, 2 iss; vol 25, 1 iss

Donated by Raymond Wolfe, Jr.:

Pennsylvania Folklife 1992-1994  
 Western Maryland Genealogy, 1986, 1 iss  
 Heritage Book Catalogue  
 W. Va. Blue Book, 1953  
 Goldenseal, 1987, 1898, all issues  
 British Heritage 1988-1989      British Heritage 1990-1991

Raymond Wolfe, Jr.

National Queries Forum 1991-1994, 11 iss  
 Indiana German Heritage Society, 1992  
 Great Migration Newsletter, 1992-1993  
 Book Bank 1982, 32 issues

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### SOME TEACHERS IN COLLINS SETTLEMENT DISTRICT, LEWIS COUNTY, 1904-05

In the Lewis County Board of Education minutes, some of which are on file in the HCPD Library, we find the following as some of the teachers in Collins Settlement District in 1904-1905: Brier Point School, Aura Bond; Duncan School, G. R. Simmons; Arnold School, W. E. Harris; Walnut Grove School, Gertrude Gafney; Big Run School, Hattie H. Anderson; Hall School, Arthur Samples; Sugar Camp School, Cecil McQuain; Ireland School, Audra Reger; Duffy School, Hattie Bennett; Mouth of Glady School, L. B. Loudin; Wolfe Pen School, E. E. Wimer; Grass Run School, John Griffin; Upper Glady School, Nathan Rexroad.



There was no roll call and the name tags didn't name their organizational membership, but there were many HCPD names and faces among the 320 persons who attended West Virginia's first family and local history conference in Charleston on September 16 and 17. Our members came from near and far and they were there as attendees and as speakers.

Keith and Connie Street came from Iowa and Raymond Wolfe, Jr., from Indianapolis; the Stillwells came from Maryland and Bill and Betty Marsh from Louisiana. Hartzel Strader arrived from Ohio and Dennis Rodgers drove in from Illinois. West Virginia was well represented too: Marjorie Price came from Charleston, Maurice and Bertha Allman from Philippi, Charles and Joy Gilchrist from Alum Bridge, Raydine Teicheira and executive director Christina from Jane Lew, Patricia and Ashley Viellenave and the Marples from Buckhannon, and Sherri Pettit from Huntington. There were probably others - if we've missed you, let us know.

The conference was a huge success - for the Archives, for those who attended and for the organizations who participated. HCPD gained several new members and sold a goodly number of pubs at our sales table on the mezzanine.

HCPD editor, Joy Gilchrist, as Library Chairman of the WV Archives and History Commission, co-chaired the conference with Frederick Armstrong, director of Archives and History at The Cultural Center.

Plans for future conferences are uncertain - but, it's possible that this will be a bi-annual event in West Virginia.

We have nearly enough ancestor charts to publish our fifth volume of Early Lewis and Harrison County, WV, ancestor charts. If you have not submitted yours for one of the first four volumes, please send it now so we can include in the new book. Please print (in black ink, please) or type the information. Computer print-outs are okay. Mail to HCPD, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378.

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## **MARSH RECEIVES PIONEER AWARD AT CHARLESTON, WV, CONFERENCE**

HCPD's own William A. "Bill" Marsh of Rayne, Louisiana, was presented with the first-ever Pioneer Award for Excellence in Genealogy and History in West Virginia at the Mining Your History conference at the West Virginia State Archives in Charleston during the banquet on Friday evening, September 16.

The award, sponsored jointly by the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants and the United National Banks of West Virginia (Weston branch), included a walnut plaque and a cash award. HCPD president, Charles Gilchrist, presented the award to a much-surprised Bill.

Bill devoted fifteen years to the compilation and publication of the 1880 Census of West Virginia.

The census is published in a fourteen-volume set. Each of the first thirteen volumes contain three or more county's census with the listings arranged alphabetically by head-of-household within each county. The fourteenth volume is an index to the heads-of-household and refer the researcher to the county and volume number.

While not a native West Virginian, Bill's roots run deep in West Virginia soil. His parents were both from pioneer West Virginia families and were born in the Skin Creek area of Lewis County. He is a retired Air Force major and a retired CPA. He is married to Betty, an Akron, Ohio, native. They are the parents of seven children and have fourteen grandchildren.

Bill is presently compiling a complete census record on every MARSH who ever lived in the United States and intends to publish that record in the not-to-distant future. He is also compiling the 1920 Census of West Virginia in the same format as the 1880 census; he expects to have the first book ready for publication within the year.

Asked why he does it, he replied, "Because I love the census!" We believe you, Bill.

Congratulations! and keep up the good work. It helps us all.

The 1880 Census of West Virginia may be ordered by volume or as a set either from Bill at 100 Cynthia St, Rayne, LA 70578 or from HCPD, PO Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378. All volumes are also available by visiting the Central W. Va. Genealogical and Historical Library (HCPD library), 345 Center Street, Weston, WV. Single volume price is \$38.50. For further information, write or call the library at (304) 269-7091.

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### **did you know???**

Did you know that it wasn't until 1850 that it became law to record births and deaths in Virginia (including what is now West Virginia)? The first records of these kinds were not actually recorded until 1853. For several years after 1853, folks did not comply and the records for the years before the Civil War are scanty.

The first in a planned series of cemetery publications is now available from the Allegheny Regional Family History Society. Barbour County Cemeteries, Volume I, is 120 pages and contains readings taken by members from numerous cemeteries in Barbour County. The listings are arranged alphabetically by name, rather than by cemetery, and each listing contains a number which refers to a specific cemetery listed in the back of the book. Each cemetery listing has directions to where the cemetery is located. The books are available at \$13.50 for members of ARFHS and \$15.00 for non-members postpaid. West Virginia residents add 6% sales tax. Everyone with an interest in the Barbour County region will want a copy of this book.

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The 1802 and 1803 tax lists make a great substitute for the missing 1800 census! These lists would cost \$19.00 if ordered from the Virginia State Archives due to recent fees added to the procedures there (see article elsewhere in this issue); but you can order these two tax lists for just \$8.00. Lists come bound, with a map of Randolph County at the time, and an introductory note.

The 1802 list is of special value as it lists the names of all males over sixteen (16) in each household and enables the researcher to build a group sheet from the names listed, usually teenage sons living with their fathers. These lists are copies straight from the originals, so YOU decide what the writing says.

In 1802 and 1803 Randolph County included not only Randolph but all of what is now Tucker, most of what is now Webster, and parts of what are now Preston, Barbour, Pocahontas and Upshur counties. Consequently, this publication has real regional appeal.

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From the Lewis County Board of Education minutes: White School, Esta Kemper; Musserville, Earl Wimer; Crooked Run, Lawrence Shearer; Straight Run, Bessie Tierney; Sandfork, W. C. Compston; Isaac's Fork, J. C. Starcher; Halterman, J. E. Bailey; Smoke Camp, C. E. Kemper; Hopewell, P. A. Fahey; Straley School, J. R. Riffie; Fairview, Ollie Halterman; Churchville, O. P. White; Upper Walnut, M. M. Rexroad; Dry Fork-Polk Creek, C. M. Garret.

### PROBLEMS WITH GERMAN ANCESTORS? HELP IS AVAILABLE

Do you have a German immigrant ancestor who came to America between 1700 and 1776? Many do not realize that these Germans came from areas with complete records and, if the village of origin is known, often family pedigrees can be traced back to the 1500's. However, the specific village of origin is essential before further study can be done.

I have had some degree of success in identifying the villages of birth for the German ancestors of many persons; and, I can offer "Palatine Searches," preliminary checks of the numerous sources that have led me to success with other families and, perhaps, provide that vital link to the Old World for descendants of Palatine German immigrants.

If I do not find your ancestor, I can often give a clue by identifying the villages of some of the other passengers on ship with him or the village of origin for other immigrants with the same surname. This can also be vital as often these people traveled in groups.

Researchers in Salt Lake City charge as much as \$30.00 for similar checks, but I will perform a better search for \$15.00 and SASE. Send name of ancestor, date and ship of arrival with payment to: David Armstrong, 201 Graham St., Elkins, WV 26241. I have over ten years experience and specialization in tracing European immigrants.

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### ZICKA - WHO?

by Dena Jane Crider

Spell it anyway you like it but it still comes down to Zickafoose. Just about anyone researching in Upshur county has seen the name. You will find a Zickafoose in the Cutright line, the Pringles, the Hyre's, and numerous others.

Henry Zickafoose was born circa 1805 in Pendleton, Va., died 10 Jan 1888 in Upshur Co., and was married circa 1825 to Barbara Simmons. Henry was the son of Elias and Sara E. (Armentrout) Zickefoose. Barbara Simmons Zickafoose was born circa 1808 in Pendleton, VA, died 03 Jan 1886 in Upshur Co. She was the daughter of George Simmons and her mother is unknown.

Henry and Barbara had 14 children: Peter m. Mary Gooden; Emanuel b circa 1835, d. 30 Dec. 1905 Upshur Co. m. Annie Gooden; Malinda m. Adam Simmons; Lucinda; Anna b. circa 1840 m. Thomas Wolf; Amos b. circa 1838 d. 08 Jun 1921; Hanson B. 10 Oct 1836 d. 15 Jan. 1923, m. #1 Margaret Gooden c/a 1856/7, (12 children were born), marr #2 to Olive "Ollie" Howes 04 Sept. 1884, (4 children were born); Sampson (please note that there are at least 3 Sampson Zickafoose's to confuse - also Henry and Elias) m. Mary E. (Maryette) Queen; George W. m Mary Jane Light 29 Mar 1863; Priscilla m. William

During the recent gathering I frequently heard, "I have a Zickafoose but I don't know much about them." This is not surprising; but, we do know that they are of German Descent and came to Upshur County, specifically French Creek and Alton via Cheat Mountain or Valley Head area to Hemlock in Randolph County. About the year 1850 Henry Zickefoose acquired 826 acres in Randolph County on the east bank of the right-hand fork of the Middle Fork river near Hemlock and about 21 miles from Buckhannon. This land was acquired part by purchase patent for 179 acres dated 1 Jan 1851. The original grant is in possession of Henry Armstead Zickefoose of Buckhannon. More than half of the 826 acres is still owned by Zickafoose descendants.

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**RECOLLECTIONS**

By: Lillie Lovell Brannon

Donated by: Glea Waugh

Note: This is written just as Grandma had it written.

Father and mother were married Feb. 1875. Father bought 50 A of land off his father, and built a 3 room house and lived there the remainder of his days. They had 8 children 1 boy 7 girls all lived to be grown, except one girl died when she was 2 yrs. and 8 months old. Father and mother were hard workers and made most of the living off of the farm. They raised corn, wheat, and buckwheat, and taken it to the mill and had it ground into meal and flour. And they raised a patch of cane and made it into molasses, anywhere from 25 to 50 gallons every year, used molasses for sweetening many things, and in making butters. Bought but little sugar. Raised broomcorn and made their own brooms. Raised potatoes and all kinds of garden stuff. Pumpkins by the wagon load, pickles and crout by the keg. Raised apple and peach trees from seed. Did a lot of grafting apple trees. planted grape vines. There were lots of wild plums, grapes, blackberries, raspberries, and huckleberries and wild strawberries in some places. We always had plenty of fruit, when we did not have enough of our own we could get fruit of grandfather Lovell as he had a large orchard. Dried lots of apples and peaches, and buried potatoes and apples in the ground to have through the winter time. not many families had cellars.

Kept hogs and raised pigs, always had plenty of meet, butchered several hogs every fall. Kept 2 or 3 cows, and 10 or 15 head of sheep, sheared their own sheep and worked the wool up into clothing except the carding of the wool into rolls, and the weaving of the cloth. Made bed blankets, dresses, underwear, socks, stockings, mittens and scarfs. Nancy, my older sister and I learned to knit and hook stockings and mittens while we were small children. Father, mother, and we children, Nancy, Ella, Sammie and I did the work. The times I am writing about were when we four were small, the next younger sister died and the others were not born yet.

Father never hired any work done except in wheat harvest he would get one or two farmers to help cut and stack the wheat and he would help them with their wheat in return. and he hired the wheat thrashed. When there was any kind of work to be done that we children could help with, we always did all we could. worked day after day from early morning until evening when necessary. There was never any arguing, for we were taught the work was ours to do as well as fathers and mothers. there never was any money paid. We were just helping to make the living for us all.

In those days father cut all the hay with a cythe. Sammie and I were always out with him with our small forks, he had made for us, turning, scattering and raking the hay into windrows and shocking it. Father had two small hoes made for Sammie and I to hoe corn and cut filth with.

I know that Sammie and I worked very hard in those days, for we were very young, as far back as I can recolect on up to 11 or 12 years old. I know that I

never wasted any energy or strength worrying because I had to work but wanted to do all I could so we could be through with what ever we were working at.

And there were so many pleasant things connected with the work that I liked. Those days are in my memory as plain as if it were but yesterday, the hills and the clouds, the different shapes and colors that I would watch, and the big tree that we would set under to rest when working in the hay, the leaves were always shaking, it was a beautiful tree, we called it the Quaking Asp, I don't know if that was the right name or not, I've never seen any like it since. And the spring under the big rock, where we went to get a drink, I can see and hear the water trickaling down so clear and cool. And many other memorys of those days come to my mind, the singing of the birds, especially the bob whites calling. and how green and thrifty the corn and weeds grew in the new ground that had just been cleared.

We gathered bushels of chestnuts, walnuts, and hickory nuts in the fall of the year. There were several sugar maple trees scattered over the farm and father often tapped them, and that was a job Sammie and I had to help with, gathering the water and carrying it to the house. and getting wood to burn under the big iron kettle. We would go back on the hill and hunt for old dead limbs of trees, that had fallen or been cut down and drag them to the house. Some years we would make several lbs. maple sugar, and quite a lot of syrup. Father kept several hives of bees and we had honey most of the time.

In those days we bought but very little food. I remember the coffee was brought to the store in large sacks, we would buy it by the pound, it was green and had to be roasted in the oven, then ground, and we would buy a small box of something they called essence, and put a small amount of that in the coffee and boil to make the coffee stong. I don't know what it was made but it looked like burnt molasses.

I well remember the only horse we had in those days was Charley, He was almost white, and I think it was not possible for a horse to have been better in every way than he was. We children could handle him in any way. Three of us children would get on him to ride at the same time. I remember one time he was going so fast that we all rolled off. he stepped so quick and never moved a foot until we were up and out of his way.

Some times mother would lead him into the creek beside the footlog and wash him all over. He looked beautiful with his long white mane and tail. I never saw a horse that traveled as nice, Mother would put the side saddle on him and get on him, to go some place. He would get over the ground so fast with little short steps.

Our time wasn't all spent in working. we had lots of time for play between the working times, and we four children made good use of it. Some times neighbor children came to play with us but more often it was just us four, we had out door games we liked to play together. Nancy and I had play houses in the corn crib through the summer time, where we often played. We never had bought toys like children have now days. Our dishes were pieces of broken dishes, and our dolls were made of rags. Nancy and I each had one doll bought for us when we

were some older, but we never had them in our play house that I remember of, we taken good care of them until we had to let our younger sisters have them.

In those days there wasn't as many neighbors, but they exchanged visits with each other quite often, some times all day visits, other times just in the afternoon, or an evening call after supper with a close neighbor. The older children were often left at home. Nancy and I spent many a day at home by ourselves. We never worried about it in the least. If the weather was bad we played indoor games. We enjoyed playing with buttons when we had to be indoors. When the weather wasn't too bad we taken walks on the hill and through the woods, that was one thing I never got tired of doing and kept it up as long as I lived there, mother would often go with us, sometimes we gathered wild flowers or wintergreen.

Nancy and I sometimes would go to a neighbors house for a while in the afternoon or evening. In those days I never would speak a word to a grown up person unless they asked me a direct question and I had to answer. I was very timid when a child and never have gotten entirely over it.

Timidity is a trait, I suppose is born in a person, but can be over come, if a person starts in early enough with the determination to overcome it. but I never did that. Two punishments are all I remember of receiving in my childhood days and I think timidity was partly the cause. I went to school a few weeks, I may have been five years old, was never away from home without mother was with me until then. After I got to school I would cry, and cry often every day. I never realized at that time why I cried but since I think of those days I remember how I felt, it was homesickness wanting to be back home.

I well remember how nice the teacher Uncle Robert and pupils were to me they never teased me in the least or ever referred to my crying. If I was crying when it was time for my class, the teacher never called for me to come to class but had the class with the other two pupils. Mother thought she would break me of the habit of crying in school and told me if I cried that day, when I came home she would whip me. Well I got the whipping that evening, and it was sever, my back and legs were sore for some time. She may not have whipped me so hard if I had ansered her when she asked me what I was crying about. I suppose I was stubborn and would not answer her for a long time, then I said I wanted to come home.

The other punishment I remember was administered by my father and it was for crying. I was past 6 years old. Mother was in bed, it was when Odella was born, is why I know how old I was. There was a hired girl doing the work and there was company for dinner I was at the table with the company. We had been taught not to ask for food when there was company, that we would be waited on, after the company had been served, They failed to give me anything, after sitting there for a while, I started crying father taken me out behind the house and gave me the whipping about as severe as the one mother gave me. he taken me in the bed room where I lay on a pallet until evening without dinner. I remember I was hungry until suppertime. I don't know if those whippings did me any good or not but they never broke me of crying. If I had any hard feeling



toward father and mother for those whippings I have no remembrance of them. Father never told me to stay in the bedroom but I was too timid to come out where the company was. When father bought his farm it was mostly in woods, I remember when more than half of it was woodland. By the time I was 10 years old there had been several changes. The land was cleared to its present condition. Father had quit raising wheat and wasn't raising as much other stuff. Had his meadows cut with a machine. Sold most of the wool and bought more clothing and food.

We children never went to school much when we were small. We went over the hill to the Laurel Run school the winter I was 10 years old, The old log school house by side of the Baptist church was torn down when I was 5 or 6. The Vaduz school house on the bank above fathers house was built in 1890, I was thirteen. We had as much education when we started to school as the others our age. Mother had taught us at home. Father and mother always attended church and Sunday school and taken us children unless hindered by sickness or some other cause. They showed by their daily living their faith in God and Christianity, held family prayer most of the time. I can't recollect back to the time that I was first taught about God and to pray. Mother would talk to us about God and tell us Bible stories. I remember so well lots of the long winter evenings mother would spend reading to us children, we all enjoyed hearing her read. They were not all Bible stories but other stories as well.

The way we worked up the wool in those days. Father and mother cut the wool off the sheep with sheep shears. Then mother would take the wool and a tub to the creek and wash the wool through several waters until it looked clean, then dry it in the sun. Then it had to be picked apart to get out all the burs sticks and trash of any kind. then it was ready to take to a carding machine to be made into rolls to be spun into yarn. How she made the old spinning wheel hum for days. Then she would wash and color the yarn ready to be woven into bed blankets or cloth for clothing, some of the yarn was kept to be knit into stockings mittens etc.

The way we worked up the cane in those days. We usually stripped off the blades while it was still standing in the field, then cut down the stalks the same as cutting corn, each stalk had a head of seed on top that had to be cut off. The seed made good chicken feed, and the blades made good stock feed. Grandfather Lovell had a cane mill and pans for boiling the juice in. The mill was turned by horse power, the horse had to walk around in a circle. One person fed the stalks into the mill. the juice ran into a large vessel, then strained through cloth and put into the pan to boil. They dug furnaces in the ground and set the pans over them, burnt wood in the furnaces, boiled the juice down into molasses, it took close watching when the molasses were about done, then the fire had to be put out and the molasses taken out of the pan and more juice put in. They usually had two furnaces and used two pans. Size of pans, some were near 2x8 ft. 10 in. deep.

In those days, the farmers that had large farms and lots of work would help each other at times. They would clear large patches of ground in the winter time

and it would be covered with brush and logs and the farmers would help each other in getting the ground cleaned off ready for plowing. They would have what they called log rolling frolics, I suppose they saved the best logs for building purposes, as the houses and outbuildings were mostly made of logs. They burned what they did not want saved. I never was out where they had the log rolling. I remember one log rolling grandfather Lovell had. mother was helping grandmother with the dinner and we children were there with her. The one thing I especially remember was the big iron kettle out in the yard full of chicken pot pie. and the large number of pies. I know I must have been very young at that time.

I recollect Uncle John Lovells sernade, we were there at grandfathers, If I knew when he was married I would know how old I was. I remember well when Ella was born and she was just 3 yrs. 3 mo, and 22 days younger than I. I can see them plain in my memory. Mother's bed was by the front door we three children were in a trunnel bed in the oposite corner of the room, there was a large strange light in the room and 2 or 3 women the only woman I remember distinctly was Aunt Elzarah she had the baby on her lap and was talking to me about the baby like she would like to have it.

#### Some recolections and part biography of Grandfather Lovell

I was in his home quite often in my young days, especially Sunday Afternoons. there seemed to be always company there, a place where people gathered to visit with each other. He looked to be an old man as far back as I can remember him. He was very quiet never talked much. He was strong for his beliefs. He attended church regularly there was a certain place he always sit, and it wasn't often but what he was in his place but he never talked in church service or lead in prayer. Father said he never heard him pray in public but one time. He always asked the blessing at the table. The pastors of the church went to his home most of the time for dinner or to stay over night. They knew they would always be welcome anytime and other people knew the same that they would be welcome too. I think that grandfather had more to do with establishing the Baptist church at Vadis than any other one person. He gave the lot, and furnished material and worked, altho he received pay for part of that. Half the charter members were close relatives of his. My step Grandmother was always so good to grandfather, that is my recolections of her. She was several years younger than he was. she was always fixing him something especial to eat, even when she had workhands to cook for, I remember sometimes she would ask him what he would like for her to fix for him to eat, he would usually answer in a short crabbed way like he didn't want to be bothered about it. she would just laugh, never act offended but go and fix something she knew he especially liked.

(To be continued in Volume XIII, Iss 1.)

## **Hackers Creek in the Harrison County, W.Va. Court Minutes 1784-1810**

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(Continued from HCJ Vol. XI, Iss 3, p 170)

The Harrison County, W.Va. Court Minutes were searched page by page abstracting the names of individuals living in the region of what is now Hackers Creek, Lewis County, W.Va., since the formation of Harrison County in 1784 to the first recorded census in the year 1810. These records have interesting facts of our ancestors being appointed as road surveyors, guardian appointments, land deed transfers, and welfare cases. As farm boundary lines were often not clearly defined, an individual would bring suit against his neighbor to determine property lines.

pg 84 17 Aug 1785

That Charles Fornelson (?Forinash) be appointed surveyor of the highway from George Westfalls to John Hamilton.

pg 95 19 Aug 1785

Wm. Ratcliff be surveyor of the highway in room of John Hacker.

pg 101 21 Sept 1785

John Johnson vs. John Bush - not found

Wm Ashby vs. Jonathan Coburn - Christopher Carpenter L.B.D. contd.

That William Ratcliff be surveyor of the highway in room of John Hacker and the tithables that was subject to said Hacker is to labor under said surveyor who is to keep the road in good repair.

pg 102 21 Sept 1785

Thomas Webb and David Sleeth produced Lieut. commission of Militia and sworn into office according to law.

pg 103 15 Nov 1785

Grand jury: Benj. Jones, foreman, John Wood, Levi Shinn, Daniel Stout, Joseph Davisson, Cornelius Bozard, Daniel Westfall, Joseph Davis, John Alexander, John Crouch Jun., John Cassety, Valentine Stalneaker, Gilbert Hustead, John Murphy, William Davis, and Jacob Spiglor - Gent of the jury they having rec'd their charge and after some time came into court and made the following presentments viz:

Benj. Copland for card playing within six months past, evidence John Goodwin Esq.

Also John Powers surveyor of the highway

Also John Hamilton surveyor of the highway

Also James Bodkin for consealment of his taxable property viz one horse.  
Also Samuel Wilkinson for not giving in all his taxable property.  
Also John Currence for not giving in two horses of his taxable property.  
Also George Parsons for not giving in his taxable property viz 5 horses/4 cattle.  
Also John Warwick for consealing several horses of his taxable property  
evidence Thomas Lacky.  
Also Anthony Smith for consealing two horses of his taxable property.  
Also William Backes for not giving in any of his taxable property.  
Also John Goodwin Senior for profane swearing.  
Also Catherine Unsull the requited wife of one Benn for theft, evidence Daniel  
Fink.  
Also John Yocum for consealling 10 cattle of his taxable property.  
Also John Yocum for selling liquor by small amounts without license.  
Also Peter Breeding for breach of the Sabbath Day and killing dear.

pg 109 15 Nov 1785

That all former orders directed to William Ratcliff as overseer of the highway be  
recinded and that all the tithables on the waters of Loss Creek and those above  
Buffalo including those upwards on the West Fork waters to the head of the  
settlements is ordered to labor under said Ratcliff in opening and keeping the  
same in good repair.

That David Cassity be appointed surveyor of the highway in the room of Jacob  
Stalnaker according to a former order.

That William Ratcliff, John Ratcliff, William Anglin and Henry Thompson they  
being first sworn do view and mark a way for a road from Clarksburg to Anglin  
Road for the higher and best way and the report to be made to next court.

pg 112 17 Nov 1785

On the motion of Wm. Ratcliff, ordered a summons to James Tanner to  
appear at next court to answer said Ratcliff complaint in a land dispute.

pg 114 20 Dec 1785

Jonathan Stout vs. Joseph Gregory - none but suite

Daniel Wood vs. Jonathan Coburn - deft. appeared in court in confessed  
judgment for L3.2.0 and costs.

pg 115 20 Dec. 1785

That Henry Flesher, Thomas Hughes, Elijah Stouts (?Staats) and Ellis Hughes  
or any three of them they being first sworn do view and make a way for a bridle  
road from the Island Ford to Henry Flesher, the highest and best way and report  
the same to next court.

pg 117 3rd Tues. Jan 1786

That John Wolf be surveyor of the highway in the room of John Davisson and  
that from Clarksburgh to Ann Davisson's graveyard and all the tithables on the

south side of Moores Run and East side of Elk Creek and assist in keeping the same in good repair.

pg 120 21 Feb 1786

That Thos. Hughes be appointed surveyor of a bridle Road from the Island Ford to Henry Fleshers and all the tithables above the Island Ford and Little Buffalo up the West Fork and below Wm. Ratcliff and assist.

Jesse Hughes and Thomas Webb is nominated by court as proper persons for Capt. of the militia in this county.

Isaac Richards and Joseph Wilkinson is nominated by court as proper persons to fill the office of Lieut. for this county and James Tanner and Robert Lowther and Willial (?Thump) ensigns of the Militia.

That the dividing ridge between Hacker Creek and Lost Creek and so along to the Two Lick Run be the Division between Capt. Jno. McCalleys and Huges Companys.

pg 120 21 Feb 1786

That the line between Capt McCalley and Carpenters Company be up Davissons Run and up the dividing Ridge above Capt. (?Richard).

pg 121 21 Feb 1786

That Joshua Allen be exempted from laboring on the highway.

pg 122 22 March 1786

That William Hacker be exempted from the payment of all personnal taxes and laboring on the highway.

pg 128 22 Mar 1786

Joseph Friend vs. Peter Kinchalo - A jury towit: Jonathan Coburn, John Ratcliff, Robert (?Parks), Samuel Wilkinson, WM. Ratcliff, James Taaff, George Arnold, John Hacker, Christopher Carpenter, Abam O'brian, Henry Flesher, Henry Runyon - verdict for Debt and costs continued to Ma court.

pg 132 23 March 1786

Simon Arnold vs. Jesse Hughes - Deft. demand to the Plft. dismissed and overruled by court - A jury to wit: Christopher Carpenter, Joshua Allen, Joseph Davidson, John Haymond, Charles Fornglson (?Forinash), Benj. Jones, Jonathan Coburn, Michael Bulger, William Asa, James Haynes, Bevill Rice and Obediah Davisson - verdict and judgment for the defendant.

pg 133 23 March 1786 John Ratcliff junr., James Tanner, Alexander West came into court and proved three days attendance to each as witness in a suit between Simon Arnold and Jesse Hughes at the (?Intance) of said Arnold.

pg 134 24 March 1786

Wm. Ratcliff vs. James Tanner - ?(Agreed)

pg 138 24 March 1786

That John Sleeth take a list of tithables from the head of the West Fork Settlement into the dividing Ridge of Loss and Hackers Creeks and all above the Two Lick Run.

pg 139 24 March 1786

That Jacob Stalnaker Senior be exempted from all personal taxes and working on the highway.

pg 142 19 Apr 1786

That John Cain be overseer of the highway in room of John William Runyon and from the (?Bas Mt.) to the Island Ford and the tithables from Jonathan Coburns upward to the mouth of Little Buffalo and Loss Creek do aid and assist the surveyor keeping the same in good repair.

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## Mary Conrad Cabin Dedicated

It is finished! (Well, almost!) The Mary Conrad Cabin has been moved to Jackson's Mill and the Mountain State Building is nearly complete. The two buildings, together with Blaker's Mill, were dedicated on September 2 as part of the Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts and Crafts Jubilee. Our own Bill Hayes was the dedicatory speaker.

Beginning in February 1993, HCPD spearheaded the drive to preserve the historic cabin and have it placed at Jackson's Mill. A requisite of the Mill taking the cabin was the construction of a restroom facility. Thanks to some major donors, nearly \$65,000 was raised; consequently, the restroom facility is now a 30x60 multi-purpose building.

A plaque was placed on the MSB and a large stone imbedded in the historic area lawn in commemoration of HCPD, the major donors, and the volunteers who worked so hard for almost two years to bring the project to completion.

**Interpretations of Fort Seybert**

by Ruth Ritter

Salem, WV - October 1968

**Editor's Note:** This manuscript was found at Waldomore, the genealogy section of the Harrison County Public Library.

Braddock's defeat left the entire Virginia frontier exposed. There was irony in the building of the road "laboriously cleaved through the wilderness to reach the French and Indians: for it" now moved equally convenient to the latter as a pathway to the English border".<sup>2</sup>

Washington felt the grave consequences of this defeat, and upon his return to Fort Cumberland he wrote to Augustine Washington saying, "I doubt not but you have heard the particulars of our shameful defeat, which really was so scandalous that I hate to have it mentioned."<sup>3</sup>

At the same time Washington wrote to Gov. Dinwiddie (July 18, 1755): "I tremble at the consequences that this defeat may have upon our back settlers, who, I suppose, will all leave their habitations unless there are proper measures taken for their security."<sup>4</sup>

No time was lost on Washington's part. He immediately set out to raise an army from Volunteer recruits in the various county seats, as he felt there were too few men to guard the frontier adequately. Col. Dunbar took the British Regulars, almost immediately after Braddock's disaster, into Winter Quarters at Philadelphia. The Virginia troops who survived Braddock's disaster were few.

In August 1755 the Virginia Assembly voted \$40,000 for the public service. The governor and council immediately resolved to increase the Virginia Regiment to 16 companies and augment the forces to 1000 men.<sup>5</sup>

A fort was set up quickly at Winchester and one at Fort Dinwiddie, the latter on Jackson's River, a tributary of the James. Before other forts could be erected and companies of soldiers organized, the Indians, encouraged by their surprising victory with the French at Great Meadows, began to commit depredations on the back settlers. By October 11, 1755, Washington wrote to Gov. Dinwiddie that "70 or near it of our People are kill'd and missing and

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<sup>2</sup> Reuben Gold Thwaites, France in America (? : American Nation Series, Vol. 7, 1905) , p. 190.

<sup>3</sup> George Washington, Writings of Washington, John C. Fitzpatrick, vol. I (? : George Washington Bicentennial Edition, 1931) , p. 157.

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 175.

<sup>5</sup> Dinwiddie Papers, vol. II (City: Virginia Historical Society, 1884) pp. 184-185.



several Houses and Plantations are destroyed".<sup>6</sup> The people were "frightened out of their senses".

When Capt. Thomas Waggoner made a three day march from Alexandria to Winchester with 50 recruits he said that it was with difficulty that he passed the Ridge (Blue Ridge) for the Crowds of People who were flying as if every moment was death. He endeavored to stop them, but they believed that even Winchester was in flames. Washington considered that the Blue Ridge Mountains would soon be the Virginia frontier.

In October 1755 Capt. Charles Lewis marched through a part of Hampshire County with a company of Virginia soldiers on the way to Fort Cumberland. He kept a Journal of the journey. On October 21st they "crossed the great Cape Capon, a beautiful prospect and the best land I ever yet saw." <sup>7</sup> The next night they encamped "at a poor man's house, entirely forsaken, and the people driven off by the Indians. We found there a plenty of corn, oats, and stock of all kinds; even the goods and furniture of the house were left behind". They marched from Patterson's Creek and "passed many deserted houses". They had two women ducked for robbing deserted houses.<sup>8</sup>

Early in December some of the soldiers volunteered to gather corn from the deserted fields. Capt. Lewis said, "I saw the most horrid shocking sight I every yet beheld. At a house adjoining to the cornfield we saw the bodies of three different people who were first massacred, then scalped, and after thrown into a fire.\*\*\* We saw\*\*\* the orchards cut down, the mills destroyed, and a waste of all manner of household goods. These people were, in my opinion, very industrious, having the best corn I ever saw, and their plantations well calculated for produce and every other conveniency, suitable to the station of a farmer".<sup>9</sup>

So it continued, especially from spring to fall, for more than three years. While attempts were being made to build forts and protect the people, Indians, accompanied by Frenchmen, were constantly ravaging and killing the people. Many fled; those who stayed lived in constant terror.

In November 1756 Washington wrote to Governor Dinwiddie in a plea for more adequate protection as follows:

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<sup>6</sup>Washington, *op. cit.*, p. 205.

<sup>7</sup> Captain Charles Lewis, Journal of Captain Charles Lewis, vol. XI (Virginia Historical Society, 1891) p. 208.

<sup>8</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 208.

<sup>9</sup>*Ibid.*, pp. 214-215.

"In short, they (inhabitants) are affected with approaching ruin, that the whole back country is in a general motion toward the southern colonies; and I expect that scarce a family will inhabit Frederick, Hampshire, or Augusta County in a little time."<sup>10</sup>

Washington worked under inconceivable handicaps trying to build up the militia and protect the settlers. He was the man alone who stands out as the protector of the frontier, fittingly called the "Guardian of the West", <sup>11</sup> a title less known for him than "Father of the Country". From the first winter of the war he expressed himself on the defensive position of the Virginia frontier. He thought that trouble would continue as long as they were on the defensive, and urged the importance of building up an army large enough, sufficiently strong, and well equipped, to follow an offensive plan of marching west to attack the French.<sup>12</sup>

However, Washington continued with plans to protect the frontier. By May 1756 a number of forts had been built, for he writes of garrisons necessary at the following forts: Mendenhals Fort, the mouth of Sleepy Creek, the mouth of Little Coop (Cacapehon), Ashby's Fort, Cock's Fork, Pearsals, Harness's Fort, Waggener's Upper Fort, Enoch's. He mentions also a fort at Kirkendals.<sup>13</sup>

On 27 July, 1756, at a Council or War held by Militia officers at Augusta Court House a plan was made for building forts along the frontier in Augusta County for the protection of inhabitants.

A fort was to be built at Peterson's on the South Branch of Potomack nigh Mill Creek, another at Hugh Man's Mill on Shelton's Tract (Upper Tract). Another at the most convenient place and pass of greatest importance between Hugh Mans' Mill and the house of Matthew Harper on the Bullpasture. One was to be constructed at Matthew Harper's and one at Capt. John Miller's on Jackson River.

The distance between the forts was as follows:

From the County Line (Between Augusta and Hampshire) to Peterson's 2 miles  
From Peterson's to Hugh Mans' Mill, 18 miles  
From thence to Trout Rock, 17 miles  
From Trout Rock to Matthew Harper's, 20 miles.  
From thence to Capt. Miller's 18 miles

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<sup>10</sup> Jared Sparks, Writings of Washington, vol. II (1834) pp. 186-187.

<sup>11</sup> Thwaites, *op. cit.*, p. 191.

<sup>12</sup> The war in America with the French is attributed in part to Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia and possibly other colonial governors. The governor encourage English trade on the Ohio waters. Some of the English traders carried on business on soil definitely named as French in the Treat of Utrecht. Journal of Capt. William Trent (1752), edited by Alfred T. Goodman (1871), p. 74.

<sup>13</sup> W. C. Ford, Writings of Washington, vol. I, pp. 274-275.

From Fort Dinwiddie, 15 miles

On south other forts continued.<sup>14</sup>

Also in 1756 the Virginia Assembly voted to erect a chain of twenty-three forts along the frontier. Washington was oposed to such a plan and expressed himself in a letter to Gov. Dinwiddie, 23 September, 1756: "I did from the beginning express my sentiments against having small garrisons in a chain of forts along our frontiers. We have a frontier of such immense extent that to build forts at convenient distances would employ such numbers of men, and divide out troops into such trifling parties, that no one part could defend itself, much less the inhabitants were the country invaded.

"The most effectual way that I can see though none can answer while we act defensively is to have no more than three or four large strong forts built at convenient distances, upon our frontiers: in which strong garrisons must be maintained, that parties able to cope with the enemy may be sent out, and these parties kept in constant succession ranging and scouring the county."<sup>15</sup>

Although opposed to the plan voted by the assembly Washington had already attempted to carry out the plans for these forts, and presented a list in the fall of 1756. Of these twenty-three forts, four were to be located on the Upper South Branch; one at Trout Rock, one at the Upper Settlement (Upper Tract), one at Fort Defiance, one at Fort Pleasant, and on the lower South Branch a fort at Parker's.<sup>16</sup> He wrote to Gov. Dinwiddie: "Besides, most of the forts are already built by the country people or soldiers, and require but little improvement save one or two, as Dickinson's and Cox's."<sup>17</sup> On 14 August, 1756, he wrote to Gov. Dinwiddie saying "we have built some forts and altered others as far south on the Potomac as settlers have been molested and there remains one body of inhabitants at a place called Upper Tract who need a guard. Thither I have ordered a party. Beyond this, if I am not misinformed there is nothing but a continued series of mountains, uninhabited until we get over to the waters of the James River, not far from the fort which takes its name from your Honor and thence to Mayo Rivr."<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Newton Argenbright, "Court Martial Record of Augusta County," Virginia Magazine of History and Biography January 1907: pp. 274-251. Mr. Argenbright was the Clerk of Corporation Court of City of Staunton, Virginia. Editor was Charles E. Kemper. This valuable old book was, in 1937, in possession of Mrs. Irene Argenbright, Staunton, Virginia.

<sup>15</sup>Sparks, *op. cit.*, p. 186-187.

<sup>16</sup>Ford, *op. cit.*, pp. 372, 373.

<sup>17</sup>Sparks, *op. cit.*, p. 198.

<sup>18</sup>*ibid.*, p. 179

This plan for erecting forts did not include the Upper South Fork Valley, as the line of forts extended south along the South Branch, the western extremity of settlement at that time.

However, a lack of colony assistance did not mean that the settlers up and down the other valleys were unprotected, for they "forted in" themselves. To "fort in" meant to fasten the barricades on doors and windows, and open the loop holes above the second story for firing. Nearly all the houses had facilities by which they could be "forted in", and at strategic places the country people built stockades around large cabins or houses where they could gather in time of alarm, sometimes aided by the militia in building these small forts. In July, 1756, Washington wrote to Capt. Thomas Waggoner saying that he had been informed that there was a fort now kept by the country people, "about 20 miles from your upper one, in a proper place". He asked Capt. Waggoner to take it in behalf of the country "if it will do with little alteration or amendment."<sup>19</sup>

Such a fort was Fort Seybert, one built by the country people. Undoubtedly the fact that John Patton, Jr. had a mill at the river's edge influenced the choice of the site of Fort Seybert. A road of some description was always built to mill, and consequently the settlers could use the same road to get to the fort for safety. It is assumed that Jacob Seybert used the mill after buying the land from John Patton, Junior. The fort was built about 100 yards from where the mill stood, and there was a good spring fifty to sixty yards from the fort.<sup>20</sup>

Probably another strategic reason for choosing the site of Fort Seybert was that two Indian trails converged near there, and the Indians were wont to find their old pathways.

Fort Seybert, supposed to have been erected in 1756, in the early days of alarm, is described as follows:

It "was located on the west side of the South Fork, and situated on an elevation which sloped rapidly to a ravine on the north and descended abruptly over a ledge of rocks the river bottom on the south-east. Westwardly a gradual incline sloped back to the mountain.

"The defense consisted of a circular stockade some thirty yards in diameter, consisting of logs or puncheons set on end in the ground, side by side, and rising to a height often of twelve feet. A puncheon door closed the entrance. Within this stockade stood the two storied block house twenty-one feet square. From the upper loop holes the open space about the fort could be swept by the rifles of the defenders".<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>19</sup>Washington, *op. cit.*, p. 399.

<sup>20</sup>Within the last fifty years (of 1936), people when plowing in the field at the river at Fort Seybert have found "tight Rocks." The tradition is that they marked the site of an old mill. Information from J. Clemm Miller (1936), Fort Seybert, WV.

<sup>21</sup>From story by Alopnzo D. Lough of Fort Seybert, WV, which appeared in The Daily Independent of Harrisonburg, VA, June 13, 18, and 19, 1919, also in Moorefield Examiner, Moorefield, Hardy County, WV. 1932.

It is doubtful whether Fort Seybert ever had a strong garrison. Undoubtedly parties of Rangers wandered up the South Fork Valley at times. Many of the residents of this vicinity were voted payment by the Virginia Assembly in September, 1758, for service, and for provisions they furnished the militia<sup>22</sup>

They probably provided their own garrison, and since so many were voted payment for provisions as well as service, companies of Rangers must have ranged in that river valley, also. It was customary for the militia to secure provisions from the residents as they moved about, giving their receipts for such provisions. These receipts were later presented for payment. Sometimes the amounts were not paid. Not only were provisions secured, but horses were secured from the country people. Frequently horses so "impressed" were lost or killed.

Several of the men in the Upper South Fork Community were officers in the militia of Augusta County. John Patton qualified as Captain of a Company of Foot 1 March, 1750,<sup>23</sup> but he did not live there in 1758. Matthew Patton qualified as a lieutenant of Foot, 23 November, 1753.<sup>24</sup> William Dyer qualified as a Lieutenant of Foot 15 May, 1754.<sup>25</sup> Jacob Seybert is said to have been commissioned Captain of Militia in Augusta County in 1757.<sup>26</sup> Not only did the settlers have to garrison themselves against the dangers, but they had trouble securing ammunition to use. Arms were given out to the country people, but often collected later. In June, 1757, Washington wrote to Gov. Dinwiddie: "I am importuned by the country people inhabiting the small Forts for Supplies of Ammunition. I have refused them all, until I know your sentiments. Ammunition is not to be purchased; and indeed some of them are poor to buy, if it was. Therefore they apply to me. If your Honor thinks proper to order me to deliver it out to such people as I conceive will appropriate it to a good use, and in such quantities as we may be able to spare, I will do it; but not without."<sup>27</sup>

The unprotected condition of the Upper South Branch and the South Fork was called to the attention of Gov. Dinwiddie in the fall of 1757. Gov. Dinwiddie wrote to Washington 2nd September, 1757, Major Andrew Lewis, who had been ordered to "Regulate the Militia of the County (Augusta)" wrote to Washington:

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<sup>22</sup> Hening Statues, Vol. VII, pp. 179-201. Unfortunately, the lists are too detailed to publish here.

<sup>23</sup> Lyman Chalkley, Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlement in Virginia, vol. I (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Orig. Pub 1912 (reprint 1989)) 56.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 70.

<sup>25</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 63.

<sup>26</sup> Lough, *op. cit.*

<sup>27</sup> Washington, *op. cit.*

"there is one place y(t) vacant which is not garrisoned, ye consequences may be bad, that is ye So Branch or So Fork Between Capt Woodward's Old Station and Prestons (Capt. Preston was stationed in the Bullpasture). As ye governor has not given me a Direct Answer nor I Believe wont I am afraid that place must be Deserted."<sup>28</sup>

How bad the consequences were the next spring Washington found out too late to do anything about it, although Capt. James Dunlap and a company of militia were in the vicinity of Fort Upper Tract in April, 1758. After the damage had been done Washington received a letter from Capt. Mackenzie which told of all the Indian tracks they had seen earlier, headed toward Virginia.

Lieutenant Gist, who was in charge of a company of Scouts, with six soldiers and 30 Indians (there were a few Indians in the employ of the colonists) marched the 2nd of April, 1758, from the South Branch toward Fort Duquesne. After a tedious march, occasioned by deep snows on the mountains, they got on the waters of the Monogahela, where Mr. Gist was lamed by a fall from a steep bank and rendered incapable of marching. Some of the party stayed with him, and the rest, all Indians, divided themselves into three parties and separated. Ucahula and two others found a large Indian encampment about fifteen miles on "this side" of Ft. Duquesne. From the size of it and the number of tracks they judged it to be at least 100, making directly for the frontier of Virginia as they again discovered by crossing their tracks. After the parties had joined and were marching in Lieutenant Gist came upon the track of another large party pursuing the same course.<sup>29</sup>

There must have been the Indians, who, following their familiar paths, descended upon Fort Upper Tract on April 24th. That day they killed a number of people whose names are given in "The Preston Register" as: Capt. James Dunlap at South Branch, Josiah Wilson, John Hutcheson, Thomas Caddon, Henry McCullom, John Wright, Thos. Smith, Ro. McNully, Wm. Elliott, Mrs. Elliot.

On April 27th they killed more people at Upper Tract, or on the South Branch near there. They were: Ludwick Falck (Fulk, Fultz) and wife, Adam Little, ----- Brock, John Ramsey, Wm. Burk, \_\_\_\_\_ Reeney, William Woods, John McCully, Thos. Searl, James Gill, John Guy (Gay) and a stranger. They burned Fort Upper Tract. Little else is known of this disaster.

By April 25th they had wrought havoc on Fort Seybert, and the Register states that Capt. Seybert and 16 persons not known were killed on the South Fork and 24 at the same place were missing-prisoners.<sup>30</sup>

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<sup>28</sup>Hamilton, *op. cit.*, p. 188.

<sup>29</sup>Ford, *op. cit.*, pp. 16-17.

<sup>30</sup>Some records call the South Fork the South Branch - others give it So. Fork. Waddell: Annals of Augusta County, 2nd Edition, pp. 154-158 (1901). Chalkley, *op. cit.*, pp. 510-512. Morton, Oren F.: History of Pendleton County (1916), p.

Some reports say that the attack on Fort Seybert was not sudden, but that it had been invested with Indians for several days. With such large numbers on the Virginia frontier, surely some of them lurked in the vicinity of Fort Seybert while others attacked Fort Upper Tract.

The first that was known of Indians lurking in the vicinity of Fort Seybert was when William Dyer went out to hunt early one morning. He saw an Indian. He aimed and attempted to shoot, but his gun did not fire. While he worked with his gun so that it would fire, probably getting behind a tree to do this, an Indian shot him. Some say that he died there at this place where he was shot. Another tradition is that when he got home he had been shot, and died as a result of his wound before the Fort was surrendered.

It may be that his experience set the alarm of Indians in the vicinity and people hurriedly gathered in the fort for protection. One unfortunate aspect of this situation was that nearly all the men in the vicinity had gone a day or so before across the mountain on business, among them Matthew Patton, Michael Mallow, and probably Andrew Trumbo. Andrew Trumbo's home was in Brock's Gap, but he helped to guard this fort.<sup>31</sup>

There are a number of versions of the Fort Seybert massacre, the history of which DeHass says fills such a dark page in the annals of Virginia history. The DeHass version is as follows:

"Seybert's fort served as a place of resort for the people of all the adjoining settlements. Into this they gathered in time of threatening danger, and remained during the seasons when the Indians were most troublesome. In May, 1758,<sup>32</sup> a party of Shawanese invested the fort, demanded a surrender. Finding neither threatening words nor bullets of any avail, the cunning savages, after two days' trial, resorted to strategy, and, unhappily, with most fatal success. They made various propositions to the besieged to give up, and their lives should be spared; if not, the siege should be continued and every soul massacred.

"The promise of safety lured the unfortunate victims from their line of duty, and they yielded quiet possession of the fort. There were thirty persons at the time within the enclosure, and these savages proceeded to secure. Instantly the whites realized the horror of their situation, and saw the inevitable doom which they awaited them. In a moment of false security, they trusted the promise of savages, and now were about to pay the folly with their lives. Of the whole number, all were massacred but eleven. Various accounts of the mode of massacre have been given but the following is doubtless most correct. Ten, whom they wished to save, were secured and removed from the fort, the others were tied hand and foot, and seated in a continuous line upon a log. Behind each of the unfortunates stood a stalwart savage, who, at a given signal, sunk his tomahawk through the skull of his quivering victim the fort destroyed. This horrible scene was witnessed by a youth named Dyer,<sup>33</sup> who was spared, although not of the number removed from the limits of the fort. He was taken to Logstown,<sup>34</sup> on the Ohio, and thence to the Shawanese towns on the Scioto. After nearly two years captivity he escaped and made his way home. Of the other ten borne off as prisoners nothing satisfactory is known." (Continued in Vol. XIII, Iss. 1)

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43. The "Preston Register" is part of the Draper Manuscripts.

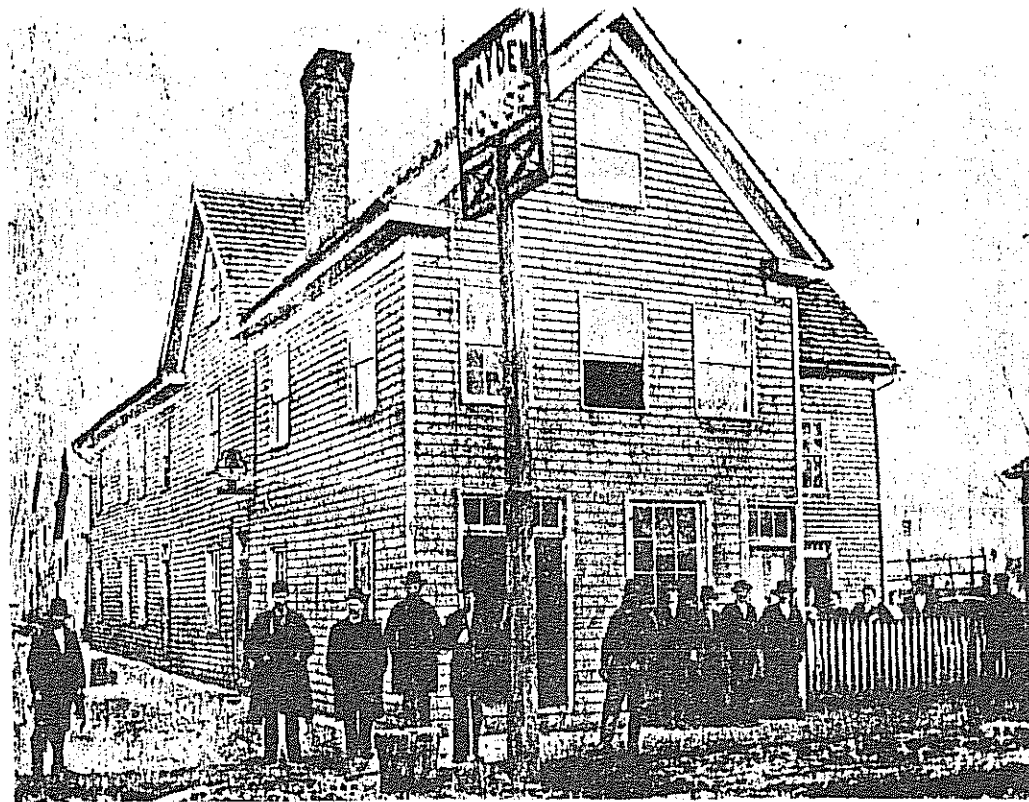
<sup>31</sup>Shane's Interview with George Trumbo - Fort Seybert called by George Trumbo, "Blizzard's Fort."

<sup>32</sup>Other records state April.

<sup>33</sup>This is James Dyer, Roger Dyer's youngest child.

<sup>34</sup>Logstown was on the north bank of the Ohio, fourteen miles northwest of Pittsburgh, earlier Fort Duquesne. It was long a trading point of importance. Many important councils with the Ohio Indians were held there.

## HAYDEN HOUSE



Here's one to try out on your memory machinery. It is a photograph of the formerly well known Hayden House which stood just about where the Second Street A and P store is now located. The photograph was taken more than fifty years ago. A few of the men shown are Squire J. \_\_\_ Hayden, (Hand on pole); J. M. \_\_\_ first left from fence; Charlie McWhorter, second left from ---- "Bill" Mulligan, third left ----- ence. Certainly the others are --wn to us. We remember Squire ----n very well. We presume that this well known hostelry was established by the Squire's father, Colonel Hayden. The Squire was regarded by legal authorities as having an excellent legal mind., though he was not a lawyer. He was a Justice of the Peace and in his court many jury trials were held. He had a well equipped office just to the right of the old Hayden House. Later he acquired the Weston World office over the Standard Hardware store. Colonel J.M. Dakin took over the Hayden House after the Haydon retirement. He was a very well known hotel man. One of Dakin's daughters married David W. Grandon, who had come here to take charge of The Democrat office. (Editor's note: Last winter in St. Petersburg, Fla., the writer spent a full evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. Grandon. After he left Weston he moved west and finally located permanently in Sterling, Ill. It is there that he owns and controls one or more of the finest small daily newspapers in the middle west.) This photograph is furnished us through the courtesy of A.C. McWhorter, of East Third street, son of the Charles McWhorter mentioned.



## FRANK JAMES BLIND WIDOW STILL SILENT

Aged Annie James Firm In Vow Never To Tell Outlaw's Story.

by Harold Streeter

*Kearney, Mo., April 8. (AP) -* A gentle little blind woman is living out her years, now 86, on a 117-year old log cabin farm near Kearney - with the true, blood pulsing story of Frank and Jesse James locked tightly in her heart.

Fortunes have been offered her for the story. Unhesitatingly, she has turned them down. She vows the story will go with her to the grave.

The woman is Mrs. Annie Ralston James.

The story which she alone could tell us of her breath-taking romance and married life with Frank James, one of the two most talked about outlaws who ever drew a gun from the hip or galloped at breakneck speed on horseback across the dusty prairie. The other was his brother, Jesse James.

So quietly has this courageous little woman remained in self-imposed seclusion that many persons did not even know she was alive until the news leaked out recently that she had recovered from an illness of bronchial pneumonia.

What a story she could tell...Her big, colonial plantation home near Independence, MO...Crash of a war shell through her bedroom...Appearance at the plantation of Quantrill's raiders, among their number the James boys...War's end and the very name of James spreading terror in a period of outlawry...1875...Elopement of pretty, vivacious Annie Ralston with Frank James...An enraged slave-owning father, stunned by his daughter's escapade...Flight with Frank...Days in a covered wagon...Birth of their boy...Life fought with the fear of capture...In Kentucky...In Baltimore...In New York...1882...Jesse assassinated...Frank in surrender...Long anxious weeks of murder trials with the state demanding his life...Ultimate acquittal.

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### 23rd Psalm for Genealogists

Genealogy is my Pastime, I shall not stray;  
 It maketh me lie down and examine half-buried Tombstones  
 It leadeth me to still Courthouses;  
 It restoreth my Ancestral Knowledge.  
 It leadeth me in the Path of Census Reports and Ship  
 Passenger Lists for my Surnames' sake.  
 Yea, though I walk through the Shadows of Research Libraries  
 and Microfilm Readers;  
 I shall fear no Discouragement; for a Strong Urge is within me.  
 It demandeth preparation of Storage Space for the Acquisition of countless Documents.  
 It Anointeth my Head with burning Midnight oil;  
 My Family Group sheets runeth over.  
 Surely Birth, Marriage, and Death dates shall follow me all the Days of my Life;  
 And I shall dwell in the House of a Family History Seeker forever.

**ANOTHER "GENERATION SIX"**

by Ireta Queen Randolph

I can't beat Maurice Allman's six generations (HCJ XII, Iss 2-3); however, I can easily come up with six on each side of my family.

I don't remember my grandmother Queen, but I remember Grandfather Armstead Stewart Queen well. He was a tall man with chin whiskers which I loved to pull. I remember his funeral which was likely my first. The upper part of his casket was glass and the only one I remember like that. I was six years old at that time.

The Queen farm was located on Upper Bridge Run near Lorentz in Upshur County. Grandpa and Grandma had moved there from Hacker's Creek shortly after their marriage in 1857. They were the parents of ten (10) children. This farm remained in the family for about one hundred years with some member or members of the family living there at all times. My father, Oscar Bruce Queen, and mother, Effie (Lawson) Queen, lived on an adjoining farm.

My grandfather, Elias Mifflin Lawson, and grandmother, Helen (Marple) Lawson, lived on Three Lick near Gaston in Lewis County. They owned a large farm. Grandpa had officially retired and my uncle Roy operated the farm by the time I was about ten years old. I spent part of my summer vacations there.

I well remember that Grandpa expected "Black Beauty" to be saddled early every morning and he rode on a tour of inspection. Upon his return, he retired to the shady back porch with his corn-cob pipe and a can of "Prince Albert." Following a big "dinner," he took an afternoon nap.

Grandmother Helen was a very active person. She was a very small and attractive lady. She was always busy cooking, canning, churning and molding butter, doing laundry on a washboard and all the usual farm chores.

Grandma was a daughter of squire John W. and Ruth (Reger) Marple of upper Hacker's Creek. They were neighbors of the Queen family during the mid 1800's.

The Elias Mifflin Lawson family had thirteen (13) children. Seven died very young, mostly from diphtheria. The remaining six lived to be adults.

In addition to being a busy housewife and mother, Grandmother Lawson was a weaver. She had a log cabin weaving room some distance from the house where she wove coverlets, blankets and many yards of rag carpet. Imagine the time and effort that went into preparing wool and other material necessary for this necessity! (I have a few pieces stored away that Grandma wove.)

Maurice mentioned Wirt Swisher. He married my aunt, Avis (Lawson) Clark, for his second wife. They visited us often and we stopped by their home in Jane Lew quite frequently.

I have lived in Harrison County since 1925. I came here from Bridge Run in 1923 to business college and had a position working in the circuit clerk's office.

I married Forest Wayman Randolph in 1927. He died in 1959 of a heart attack. Four children were born to us: Forest Wayman, Jr., Ruth, John and Mary Etta. At the present time, they are all living here on the farm where we have been since 1940. It is on Indian Run, not far from the village of Marshville - about four miles from Salem.

I am now past ninety-one and feel I am unable to attend meetings; however, I am interested in all the latest news.

\* Six Generations \*

Armstead Stewart Queen	Elias Mifflin Lawson
27 Mar 1828 - 13 Sep 1909	30 Jan 1847 - 24 Sep 1933

Julia Sims Queen	Columbia Helen Marple
15 Sep 1833 - 18 Sep 1896	6 Dec 1848 - 9 Apr 1926
Married 31 Mar 1858	Married 1 Oct 1868

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Oscar Bruce Queen	Effie Ruth Lawson
21 Nov 1864 - 27 Jan 1923	8 Mar 1878 - 29 Mar 1966
Married 13 Oct 1898	

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Ireta Ruth Queen	Forest Wayman Randolph
1 Feb 1903	8 Jun 1901 - 3 Sep 1959
Married 8 Jun 1927	

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Forest Wayman Randolph, Jr.	Ernestine Plauger Currey
2 Jul 1928	7 Sep 1929
Married 1 Jun 1953	

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Neil Edward Randolph	Martha Lynn Brown
11 Nov 1955	31 May 1957
Married 29 Jun 1979	

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Jaclyn Colleen Randolph  
1 Jul 1987

## LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA CEMETERIES

### VOLUME I

HARMONY CEMETERY	BRIAR POINT
McCUE TOWN CEMETERY	LINGER CEMETERY
FLAHERTY FAMILY CEMETERY	HOPEWELL CHURCH CEMETERY
BEAHLER FAMILY CEMETERY	SUMMERS FAMILY CEMETERY
SMITH FAMILY CEMETERY	HARDMAN FAMILY CEMETERY
WETZEL CEMETERY	UNIDENTIFIED OLD CEMETERY
JONAS SMITH GRAVEYARD	FORINASH FAMILY CEMETERY
PETERSON CEMETERY	MIDDLE RUN CEMETERY
JACKSON'S MILL / OLD INDIAN GRAVEYARD	STRAIGHT RUN CEMETERY
McCRAY CEMETERY	PICKENS CEMETERY
WOLF CEMETERY	BUSH CEMETERY / BUSH GRAVEYARD
MORRISON / OLD HACKER CEMETERY	MT. OLIVE METHODIST CHURCH
CEMETERY	
UNIION HILL CHURCH CEMETERY	CURTIS / TAYLOR CEMETERY
RANGES RUN CEMETERY	SWECKER CEMETERY
CORATHERS CEMETERY	BUTCHER GRAVEYARD
LOUISA JANE METHODIST CHAPLE CEM.	MILLER CEMETERY
RITTENHOUSE	SIMONS
CRAWFORD	GEE LICK METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY
FREEMANSBURG CHURCH CEMETERY	UNKNOWN NAME CEMETERY
WHITESELL CEMETERY	POST CHAPEL CEMETERY
WALNUT FORK CEMETERY	OLD HARRISON GROVE CEMETERY
NEW HARRISON GROVE CEMETERY	I.O.O.F. CEMETERY (HARRISON CO.)
HARDESTY CEMETERY (HARRISON CO.)	ORIGINAL BETHAL CHURCH CEMETERY
ALKIRE / BRAGG CEMETERY (BRAXTON CO.)	CASTO CEMETERY (BRAXTON CO.)
CUNNINGHAM CEMETERY (BRAXTON CO.)	GREEN HILL CEMETERY (BRAXTON CO.)

### VOLUME II

BUTCHER / BUTCHERSVILLE CEMETERY	MT. GILEAD / GEORGETOWN CEMETERY
FISHER CEMETERY	REEDER CEMETERY
JESSE RUN CHURCH CEMETERY	CARDER CEMETERY
WOOFER CEMETERY	ROCK GROVE CEMETERY
MARVIN CHAPEL CEMETERY	HEDDING CHAPEL CEMETERY
SIMPSON CHAPEL CEMETERY	MITCHELL CEMETERY
VANDALIA CEMETERY	WARD CEMETERY
CABIN RUN METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY	

### VOLUME III

PIONEER CEMETERY	FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY
LIFE CEMETERY	LAUREL LICK CEMETERY
HINZMAN HILL CEMETERY	BUCKHANNON RUN CEMETERY
BAILEY CEMETERY (JANE LEW)	BAILEY CEMETERY (WESTFIELD)
ARNOLD CEMETERY	ROLLYSON FAMILY CEMETERY
PETERSON VILLAGE CEMETERY	WILLIAM L. SMITH CEMETERY
FAIRVIEW CEMETERY	DETAMORE CEMETERY
MORRISON CEMETERY	LONG POINT CEMETERY
JACKSONVILLE CEMETERY	CURRY CEMETERY
WILSON CEMETERY (BIG RUN)	WARNER CEMETERY
WILSON CEMETERY (IRELAND)	SUSAN SWECKER BURYING GROUND
MT. MORRIS CEMETERY	BEECH GROVE CEMETERY
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OLD FIELD FORK CEMETERY

PLEASANT HILL CEMETERY

FELIX HALL CEMETERY

**BRAKE VILLAGE, MICHAEL BRAKE, AND THE 1820 CENSUS**

by David Armstrong, 201 Graham St, Elkins, WV, 26141

One of the genealogical enigmas of the last 50 years has been the 1820 census listing for Michael Brake in Hardy County, (now) West Virginia. Michael was living at "Brake" on the South Fork where his father had operated a mill in the 1700's, which was the site of the famous "Claypole Rebellion" of so called "Tories", an uprising in protest of high taxes levied by the Revolutionary Government. Michael Brake's 1820 census listing includes marks for several persons beyond his known family, and it is hoped that the following will shed some light on this troublesome census listing.

Some family group sheets have circulated that attempted to assign Brake identities to a number of the persons in Michael's 1820 listing. Some have suggested that perhaps two Brakes married in Rockingham County, Virginia were Michael's children. This situation was complicated for me by the fact that until recently I had been unable to prove for certain just how many children Michael had. But on a recent trip to Moorefield Courthouse I read a most interesting Chancery File, Brake vs See, and that file alone I feel has clarified the 1820 Michael Brake census listing as well as proven the number and identity of Michael Brake's children.

Testimony in Brake vs See gives many, many day to day details about the goings on at the Brake Mill. It seems to have been quite a little village. Michael had a blacksmith shop ran by his slave man Isaac, who after emancipation took the name Isaac Kent. There was a carpenter shop where they made coffins and bedsteads. A saw and grist mill ran full time. People seem to have drifted in and out, hanging around, living for a time, working on the place. At least one by marriage relative of the Brakes had an illegitimate child raised there. Mary Ann Radcliff's chickens had to be chased out of the corn, and a still was in operation making liquor from the fruits grown on the place. Yes, this was a small village, later a post office. These details are all to be found in the file above mentioned, as well as testimony that Leonard Brake had three children who died in infancy, giving us identities for three of the unknown burials in the cemetery there.

It is clear from Brake vs See that Michael Brake was in the habit of taking in orphans. Nimrod Thorn testified that he had lived for several years with the family of Michael Brake, having gone there when about twelve years of age. George S. Brake, grandson of Michael, testified that Michael had raised a child that Nimrod See had prior to his marriage to Magdalen Brake. Isaac Kent was asked whether Michael Brake had a large and expensive family, and he replied that he did not think that Michael's family was expensive, and that Michael Brake "bought more for children out that way than he did for his own family". Clearly the Brake Mill was a little village populated in part by orphan children, by transient laborers, and by unfortunate urchins who lived under the generosity of Michael Brake. The 1820 census listings should be clarified to a great extent by the above information.

Testimony by several family members in Brake vs See clearly proves that Michael Brake had only three children of his own, these being Leonard, Magdalen, and Elizabeth in that order. A follow up on these in later census records gives us some of their ages, and allows us to assign them to slots in the below 1820 - 1840 census listings. Also, recent developments in the search for the roots of Elizabeth Brake who married Edward Moneyppenny in Lewis County seem to indicate that she was from Hardy County, rather than the West Fork, and that she appears to have come to Lewis County in 1825 with William Radcliff, who until that time had been a resident of Brake Run in Hardy County. This new theoretical information on her may suggest that she is one of the listings. Probable guesses can be made regarding other persons in the 1820 listings.

What follows is a charted summary of the 1820, 1830, and 1840 Hardy County Census listing for Michael Brake. Each person listed is aligned with the corresponding slot in the later listings, and each is assigned a number. The 1820 listing has been particularly troublesome to students of the Brake family history as there seem to be several persons not related living in the household. Following the chart is an explanation or theoretical explanation of each listing given after it's respective number.

1820	1830	1840
(1) male 1775-94	male 1770-80	female 1770-80
(2) male 1775-94	gone	gone
(3) female 1775-94	female 1770-80	gone
(4) male 1775-94	gone	gone
(5) male 1794~-04	gone	gone
(6) male 1794~-04	gone	gone
(7) female 1804~-10	gone	gone
(8) female 1804~-10	gone	gone
(9) male 1804~-10	gone	gone
(10) female 1810~-20	female 1810-15	gone
(11) -----	female 1825-30	female 1825-30
(12)		female 1790-00

- (1) **MICHAEL BRAKE** born 1779 as per later census
- (2) ? probably a farmhand, probably born closer to 1794 than 1775
- (3) **ELIZABETH BRAKE** wife of Michael Brake. Born 1780 per 1850 census.
- (4) - (5) ?probably farmhands as above?
- (6) **LEONARD BRAKE**, son of Michael, born per census and tombstone info 1804. Married 1824 and listed next door in 1830
- (7) **MAGDALEN BRAKE**, Michael's daughter. Born ca1806-07 as testimony in Brake vs See shows that her birth was between those of Leonard and Elizabeth.
- (8) unknown female, ?possibly Elizabeth Brake? parents unknown. This may

be the Elizabeth Brake who married Ed Moneypenny in Lewis county in 1832. Assigned here as a guess, as she seems to have come to Lewis County in 1825 with William Radcliff, when he moved his family west from Brake Run, Hardy County.. This is a suggested assignment and **NOT PROVEN**, but the age is right, and the disappearance from the Michael Brake listing by 1830 fits with an 1825 removal to Lewis County.

- (9) ?a sixteen year old farm hand or other orphan?
- (10) **ELIZABETH BRAKE**, Michael's youngest child. Marriage to Jacob B. Simon in 1832 accounts for her being gone from the 1840 listing. Born 1810 as per later census.
- (11) **NIMROD SEE's** illegitimate daughter. Raised by Michael Brake as per testimony in Brake vs See
- (12) unknown female, **?possible Mary Ann Radcliff?** Mary Ann was an apparent unmarried girl of William Radcliff's family who made a purchase in her own right at the estate sale of Baron Jacob Brake in 1809. Her connection to William not clear, but she was still in the area of the Brake farm in the 1830's according to testimony in Brake vs See that her chickens had to be chased out of Michael Brake's corn crop.

It is hoped that the above will be taken in the spirit it is intended, that of speculation and study. The definite listings are shown as definite, with reasons given, and the others are admittedly speculation. It cannot be said with certainty that the guesses made for numbers eight and twelve are correct, but they are based on some evidence, although circumstantial.

The Brake family is still cursed with a number of members whose placement on the proper branch of the family tree is impossible. #8 Elizabeth above is one. While all of her documented life was lived on the West Fork River in Lewis County, research has eliminated nearly *EVERY* Brake over there as her possible parents. The sole exception being Jacob B. Brake, son of John. But she is not with any of the West Fork Brakes in any early census. The fact that she first appears in Lewis County the same year William Radcliff moved there, the fact that she named her first two kids after Radcliffs, and the fact that she testified in court that she gave birth to her third child at William Radcliffs has led this writer, her 3X great grandson, to look in Hardy County for her roots, hence the hypothetical assignment above.

Another unknown in the Brake family is Catherine, born about 1802 (just two years before Elizabeth) and bound by the court of Pendleton County to William Dyer in 1812. Nothing further is known of this Catherine for certain. Yet another is Fanny, who married in Licking County, Ohio in 1823. Licking County was the home of Abraham Brake from Hardy County, possibly a nephew of Michael. Abraham presents yet another unknown in the Brake history, at least one with parentage unproven.

Finally James Brake has given researchers some trouble. He married apparently in Hardy County about 1818, and in 1822 named a son Nimrod See



Brake, suggesting a close tie to Michael Brake's family. He was a witness to the will of John Rohrbaugh there, and moved to what is now Peck Run, Upshur County, being listed in the tax lists of Lewis County in 1823, and 1824. Testimony in Chancery File 12 case 19 at the Harrison County Circuit Clerk's office shows that James Brake rented a farm at Peck's Run from Jacob B. Brake mentioned above, and that at the time Jacob B. was manager of the Salt Works at Clarksburg. The same chancery record shows that James Brake was killed by the fall of a tree in 1825. James Brake and Licking County Abraham Brake have been assigned by some as sons of Isaac Brake, Michael's brother, but no document has been presented to prove the connection for either. The search continues.

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### **CREDIT GIVEN TO SAYRE AND FAUST**

by Marjorie Heater Herring

In issue 1 of Volume XI of the Journal, there was an article written by David Armstrong entitled "Pedigree Correction and With Connection to 1st Reich, Germany."

Some comments are in order concerning this article. Inasmuch as part of the information and corrections contained in the article were based on material I had given to Mr. Ralph Sayre, I would like to give the credit to the person to whom it is due. Mr. Robert G. Fast of Fort Wayne, Indiana, had given me copies of relative data from the book By Way of Rotterdam by Wirt Faust. He also shared data resulting from considerable research by his mother and himself. This corrected some errors in Mr. Faust's book.

Many members of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants are descendants of Barbara (Weaver) Marple, wife of John Abram Marple, as I am. She was a descendant of the FAST family. Mr. Robert Fast has recently published a book on this FAST family which quite possible would be of interest to many people.

The book is entitled Nicklaus Fast of Gocklingen, Germany. The cost is \$15 postpaid and may be ordered from Robert Fast, 9316 Soaring Hill Place, Ft. Wayne, IN 46704.

My copy of the book was recently received and I was most pleased with the documented information contained therein. It has many pictures and family charts and is beautifully bound.

**A TOMBSTONE FOR WILLIAM ALLMAN?????**

Dear Cousins,

This summer we discovered the following Resolution --

"WHEREAS, on the farm of the late Jacob M. Allman, near Lorentz, W. Va. is found the grave of William Allman, and  
WHEREAS, no monument or marker of any kind has ever been placed at this grave, and  
NOW, since William Allman was one of the first settlers in this section where he lived and died, and since he is the first known ancestor of all the Allman families of this section, we believe that a marker should be placed at his grave to permanently identify the last resting place of this ancestor, and to make permanent his memory for the future generations of Allman's

made in 1929 and subscribed to by 58 ALLMANS.

The Allmans contributed \$30.50 which was deposited on August 26, 1929. Since no stone was ever erected we presume the money was lost in the bank crash of October 1929.

We feel now is the time for us Allman cousins to complete this long standing project. The estimated cost to have a proper memorial stone placed at the burial site on the original homestead will be \$800. One side of the stone will read --

**In Memorial WILLIAM ALLMAN b. ca. 1750 d. 1828  
Pioneer settler in the wilderness on this 200 acre farm  
about 1773. His wives were - (1) Elizabeth/Jane Wetherholt  
(2) Elizabeth Martin b. ca. 1770 d. ca. 1840.**

His son George (1800-1877) is buried here and is marked by a monument. Another son is buried here without a marker so -- On the reverse of the stone will read:

**ABRAHAM ALLMAN b. 1805 d. 1885, s/o William  
his wife (1) Winifred Crites b. 1805 d. 1849  
his wife (2) Barbara Cutright b. 1817 d. 1906 is buried  
at Lorentz M.E. Cemetery .**

The local genealogical society "Hackers Creek Pioneer Descendants" has agreed to be the depository of this fund. All central W. Va. ALLMANS are descendants of our pioneer William so please contribute as much as you can that we can quickly and successfully complete this project.

Please make your check payable to H.C.P.D. / marked for Allman Stone. Mail to P.O. Box 37, Jane Lew, W. Va. 26378. Current mailing addresses are difficult to obtain so we ask you to copy this letter and mail to all members of your family so as many people can participate as possible.

Respectfully,  
Edward Lee Allman, Clarksburg, WV  
Maurice Allman, Philippi, WV

*This story found in the Greta Proudfoot Collection in the Rare Book Room of West Virginia Wesleyan University in Buckhannon was written by Georgia Reeder. She received an A+ for her efforts.*

## JUST LIKE A STORY

(copied as written)

Some of the old settlers of this country were the Reederes.

My Great great grandfather came to from Scotland. He was Scotch-Irish. He brought goods to this country on pack horses. He brought it mostly to Gnatty Creek where he later settled. He was among the first settlers.

My grandfathers was a farmer and also a dealer in live stock. He was a very good mower with a scythe and used to mow his two acres every day.

Grandmother came from Virginia. She was a Russell. She lived in Virginia during slavery. Her father had a great many slaves but they were freed during the time she lived there but a great many stayed with them.

When grandfather Reeder and grandmother Russell were married they moved on the head of Hackers Creek as one of the first settlers.

When they moved in their first log cabin they moved in the woods where the leaves were knee deep.

They didn't have windows in those days but used oiled paper.

The first door they had for their log cabin was bought by grandfather working at Mt. Lebanon at thirty five cents a day. He carried the door home on his back.

He later built a log cabin out of poplar logs.

Some years later he started to haul supplies for the Union men. Melville Brake was in the train and also Anthony Teets.

On one of his trips he was gone for forty days. He went below Charleston to the Ohio river taking the soldiers supplies in a wagon. On one of his trips he had his horses stolen and his wagon burned by the rebels.

One summer the rebels made a raid on Hackers creek, they destroyed all the things they could find.

He had a very good friend that lived on Hackers creek, David Talbot.

He had joined the army and had left his family and stock all at home. He had some very fine horses and the rebels were taking all the stock and supplies they could find.

He took Mr. Talbots horses in the night to Gnatty creek down close to Peel Tree and walked home to keep the rebels from getting them.

Most of the men on Hackers creek left but grandfather and he stayed at home with his family.

One night about one hundred rebels came to the house and told them that they either had to cook for them or they would be killed. Grandmother cooked one whole night for them. They paid her in rebel money which was no good.

One day grandmother had to walk a half of a mile to milk leaving the baby with the children not knowing whether she would have any home or children left when she came back or not.

My great grandmother used to walk from Mt. Lebanon to the Reger church to Sunday school and church.

Grandmother Reeder was also a great church goer. She read her Bible through 24 times and the new Testament 87 times.

Great grandfather Karickhoff came from Germany and was a blacksmith and farmer. Grandfather Karickhoff was a doctor.

Grandmother Strader came from Virginia and is of the Dutch family

#### OBITUARY -- Mrs. Virginia Reeder

Mrs. Virginia Reeder, widow of the late Moses Reeder, died at her home on Hacker's Creek, Sunday of ailments incident to old age. Funeral services were conducted in the Mt. Lebanon church Tuesday by her pastor, Rev. C.F. Boone, assisted by Rev. Vansickle, and interment was made in the cemetery there beside her husband.

Virginia Frances Russell was born in Culpepper County, Va., July 17, 1834, and died April 22, 1923, aged 88 years, 9 months, and 5 days.

She was married to Moses Reeder in Barbour county Dec. 1, 1853. To this union were born 11 children; Churchville N., of Jefferson, Ohio; Mrs. Coberg Post, of Peck's Run; Thomas A., of Youngstown, Ohio; Oscar B. Reeder, of Hacker's Creek; Mrs. Eliza Reynolds, of Buckhannon; Erastus O. Reeder, of Lorentz; Mrs. Lenora Bennett, of Buckhannon; Lloyd B. Reeder, of Turkey Run; (Upshur Co. WV) and Granville J. Martha E., and Luella, who preceded her to the beyond. She had 41 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren, most all of whom are living.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeder lived together as man and wife, for a little more than 63 years, until his death Jan. 18, 1917. The week after their marriage they moved into a log cabin on Hacker's Creek. Mrs. Reeder, in relating the circumstance, recently said: "We moved right into the woods in winter time. The leaves were almost knee-deep around the house and there was several inches of snow on top of the leaves. Our cabin had neither door, and for several weeks lived that way. Then my husband carried a door from the Mt. Lebanon church and hung it. Later my father sawed out a hole and put a window in our cabin."

Some years later Mr. and Mrs. Reeder built a comfortable house on their farm and lived there for 29 years. They spent the remainder of their lives on Turkey Run.

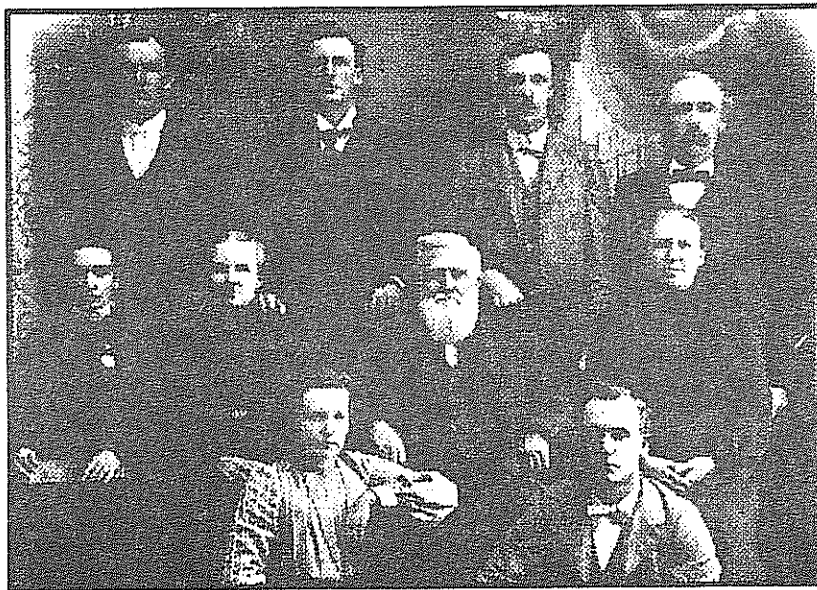
Sister Reeder has left in writing these words: "At the age of 10 I began to pray for salvation, and prayed on until I was 13 years of age, and at a camp meeting I was saved. Nothing I enjoy better than to go to church, try to do the will of the Lord, and lead sinners to Christ. As the years went by the way grew brighter and brighter in the love of the Lord. I loved my Bible; it taught me how to live, and I have read it through 24 times and the New Testament 87 times."

She joined the Pleasant Valley M.E. church, and later transferred her membership to the Oakington M.E. church, where it remained until her death. She was loyal to her church. Her home was the minister's home, to whom she was indeed a benediction. To the sick and needy she was a very present help in time of need. She has left a legacy for us all. She lived a devoted Christian life.

On her deathbed she often quoted some of her favorite songs that she loved to sing. Her pastor at her bedside heard her say, "Oh, I love my Bible! God has been so good to me all these years. He had led me all the way. Oh, I love the church! I love everybody!"

Of her it may truly be said: "Servant of God, well done!  
They glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last."

*The obituary and picture are from Rella (Reeder, Mrs. Carl) Hughes, West Milford, WV, great-granddaughter, daughter of Arthur and Virginia( Linger) Reeder and granddaughter of Granville Jason and Mary Jane( Brake) Reeder.*



FAMILY OF MOSES AND VIRGINIA (RUSSELL) REEDER  
top row: LLOYD, OSCAR, THOMAS, GRANVILLE; middle row: ELIZA,  
VIRGINIA, MOSES, COBERG; front row: LENORA, ERASTUS.

submitted by Linda B. Meyers, 1994

## MRS. MATILDA DIGKINSON -- DEAD

( found in private collection, copied as printed)

There died at her home in Weston, (WV) on Sunday morning the 28 day of April 1907 at the advanced age of 85, a colored lady, long well and favorably known here, Mrs. Matilda Dickinson.

She had been born a slave, owned by the late Hon. George J. Arnold whose family she served faithfully while the law of slavery bound her and until President Linclons Proclamation of Emancipation, consummated by the surrender at Appomattox in 1865 made her free. Mr. Arnold while she was his slave, treated her and her children with great kindness and affection as also did his mother and sisters, who then resided with him at his home in Weston.

While yet a slave she was married at Mr. Arnolds home.

After she became a free woman she long remained with his family, and always entertained for them a warm affection.

She leaves surviving but one child, Mrs. Salley Jones and a large family of grandchildren who were devotedly attached to her and strove to comfort and console her in her last hours.

For a number of years she had a comfortable home above Weston given to her by Mr. Arnold where she lived with her faithful dau. Sallie and her Son-in-Law, the late Jack Jones, whom we all knew so well and favorably.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Griffith, Pastor of A.M.E. Church of this place, with appropriate servises, assisted by Rev. Reynolds and Lacy. Aunt "Till" as she was affectionately called was from her early years a consistent member of the church and in her long last illness received with entire acceptance the ministrations of her pastor and other Christian friends and expressed cheerful resignation and readiness to meet her God and a confidence in a blessed immortality over the river of death.

Few colored people have died here more tenderly remembered than good ole "Aunt Till" . a good and faithful woman she was.

Her step always willing her brow wet with sweat of toil for those she loved as well as for the stranger with in her door.

What great event she witnessed in her long life. How changed the Nation , the whole world, in thought and action within the period of that life . May she rest in peace.

A Friend

Note: George Jackson Arnold was the son of Prudence (Jackson) and Elijah Arnold. Prudence, the daughter of George Jackson and Elizabeth Brake. George, the son of John and Elizabeth Cummins Jackson and Elizabeth the daughter of Jacob Brake .

George J. Arnold  
1816-1899



## QUERIES

1. James BRAKE, b ca 1800, d 1824/25, m Ann MUMFORD, where? when? James killed by falling tree. Three children: Cyrus (1819-1888) m Sarah MC AVOY; Nimrod See, b 13 Feb 1822, d 19 Jan 1866, m Mary Jane CURRY; and, Jacob, b 1824, d 6 May 1864 in a Civil War prison in the South. Jacob m Nancy A. CURRY. Need pars of James and Ann. Ann 2/m Anson YOUNG and had children. Algie BAILEY, Rt 8, Box 22, Fairmont, WV 26554.
2. Can anyone tell me where I might find the loyalty oaths recorded during the Civil War? Many times these gave physical descriptions. I am interested in Harrison, Lewis, and Tyler counties. Also, does anyone have a theory why a man living in Harrison County, very close to Salem, would have served in the Tyler County militia during the Civil War? K.C. PRIEST, 921 Upton Drive, S Charleston, WV 25309.
3. Seek info on William A. DEPRIEST and Louisa A. (BADGET) DEPRIEST. Need birth, death and/or marriage dates. Dau Elizabeth M., b Lewis Co 9 Jun 1846 and d Gilmer Co 7 Apr 1892. She m Jacob STERN 22 Mar 1866. Aldora KELLER, 140 McCracken Dr., Seneca, SC 29678.
4. Where and when did William SEARS/SIERS/SCIRES die? His wife was Rebecca. Need any info on Abraham WILLIAMS and Frances OCHELTREE who were m 1841 Lewis Co. Maxine RUCKMAN, 591 Little Daniels Run Rd, Scenery Hill, PA 15360.
5. Want to correspond with any res the following surnames: HAYMOND, HAYMAN, CALDER, CLELAND & CLELLAND. Need place, date of John HAYMOND's birth, date of entry to Maryland. He m Margaret CALDER {could be d/o William and Janet (ENDERSON) CALDER}, 23 Aug 1723, St. Barnabos Church, Queen Anne Parish, Prince Georges Co, MD. What happened to Margaret after John died 1750?? Did she remarry? Where did she die? Patricia VIELLENAVE, Rt 1 Box 36-9, French Creek, WV 26218.
6. BELLAMY, BELLOMY, LAWHORN, MILLER, TOWNS, BARTLETT. Seek any info on these surnames. When & where did William Jackson BELLAMY, Sr., m Marietta LAWHORN? Who were her pars, place of birth? Where & when was William's father, Townley BELLAMY/BELLOMY born? When & where did he marry Julia MILLER? Where are they buried? Need info on Thomas BARTLETT m Jenny TOWNS, d/o Margaret Elizabeth BARTLETT, b 12 Mar 1902 in AL, d 18 Apr 1929, Hammond, IN, m William Jackson BELLAMY, Jr., when and where??? Need William Jackson BELLAMY, Jr., Army unit, years of service. Patricia VIELLENAVE, Rt 1, Box 36-9, French Creek, WV 26218.

7. In 1828 Peter SWISHER (Harrison County) deeded a small plot of land to several area residents. On 24 Jan 1913 the deed was delivered to attorney H. F. SMITH. Was this a church or school? Does anyone have information about Liberty Church formerly located at one end of Jakes Run near Rockford in Harrison County? Is the Hopewell Church, located on Stouts Run in Harrison County, the same one mentioned in early Clarksburg history? Does anyone have any information about this church? Does anyone have information about the Tygart's Valley Association of the Primitive Baptist Church? K. C. PRIEST, 921 Upton Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309.

8. I am looking for birth record for either Mary Orleanna HINZMAN or Ollyann HINZMAN in Lewis County. She would have been born ca 1813. On 24 Dec 1835/Jackson Co, (W)V, Ollyann m Charles PARSONS. The family is listed on 1850 Jackson Co census as: Charles PARSONS, ae 39, b Mason Co; Orleanna, ae 37, b Lewis Co; Eveline, ae 13, b Jackson Co; William, ae 11, b Jackson Co; Samuel, ae 7, b Jackson Co; George, ae 6, b Jackson Co; and Jonathan, ae 1, b Jackson Co. I find no HINZMAN's listed on 1830 Lewis County census; I did find Abraham HINEMAN, Henry HINEMAN, and Thomas C. HINEMAN. Our Mary Orleanna or Ollyann always went by the name Mary in the Lee Co, IA, census. Charles and Mary moved the family to Iowa in 1852/53. Charles d 7 Aug 1865 and bur in Cumas Cemetery in Missouri. Any help would be appreciated. Has anyone done any research on the PARSONS family? Geraldine M. O'NEIL, 2117 Grape St., Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

Editor's Note: Abraham, Henry and Thomas are HINZMANs.

9. Who were the pars of Erastus NUTTER, b 15 Mar 1791, m Sarah HALL 4 May 1815 in Harrison Co? Jerri STEWART, 12 Mansfield Ave., Mt. Vernon, OH 43056.

10. Can anyone tell me the pars of John NORRIS who m Jemina SPHILMAN and are bur in Broadrun Cem, Lewis Co? It's been reported that either a Joseph or a William were his father. Both are said to have been married to a Hannah BELL. Eva NEWLON, 109 Rebrook St., Clarksburg, WV. 26301-9518

11. Seek info pars of Abel GRIFFITH, b ca 1740, and had about 19 kids by two wives. 2nd wife named Magdalen, and Griffiths lived at Mossey Creek, Augusta Co, near Bridgewater, VA. What was Magdalen's maiden name? Who were pars of Abel and Magdalen? Who were pars of Mary BEASLEY who m Caleb GRIFFITH? Seek any info on Sebastian WOLF of Jennings Gap, Augusta Co, in Augusta by 1780, had tavern license 1787, indicted for horse theft same year. Married Catherine COOK. Who were her pars? Who were his pars?

Seek info on fam of Frederick THORN, in Hardy Co 1784, d Randolph Co 1810., Who were his pars and siblings? Would like to know what THORN m a



dau of Michael WILFONG of Pendleton Co, WV? Seek others w/ knowledge of Michael WILFONG.

What was the maiden name of Mary, w/o John HYRE, Jr. of Buckhannon? What was the maiden name of Patience, w/o John HYRE, Sr., Was Sr. the father of John Sr.?

Benjamin PHILLIPS m Phebe WALKER. His pars Thomas and Nancy PHILLIPS; hers George and Sarah WALKER. What were the maiden names of Nancy, wife of T. PHILLIPS, and Sarah, w/o George WALKER? Who were the WALKER and PHILLIPS grandparents?

Seek any info about the origins of Patrick and Anna MAHAR who came to Randolph Co ca 1805. Where did they come from? Were they related to Reuben TAYLOR who held land with Patrick MAHAR? Was Anna married before? David ARMSTRONG, 201 Graham St., Elkins, WV 26241

12. Seeking info re: John ALLMAN b 1791 s/o William ALLMAN, m 7 Sep 1811 (Harrison Marr Bonds, Bk 2, p 383, Bondsman John HIER) to wife Clara/Clorah HIER/HYER. A John HIER (1754-1829) and wife Patience are bur at Hyre Cem, Brushy Fork, Upshur Co, per cemetery list. Need to know whereabouts of John & Clara ALLMAN, death and bur place.

Seek info re: Susannah L. ALLMAN, b 12 Oct 1814, d/o Peter (1789) ALLMAN; m 8 Apr 1836 (LMR 2-14) to husb Joseph SHOULDERS, b 1810. Need to know whereabouts of Joseph SHOULDERS and Susannah, death and bur place.

Seek info re: Elizabeth ALLMAN b. 18 Jan 1817, a d/o Peter (1789) ALLMAN; m 27 Mar 1838 (LMR Bond) to hus Noah LAWRENTZ b 1817, maybe a s/o Samuel LAWRENTZ per Harrison Co census 1850. Need to know whereabouts of Noah LAWRENTZ and Elizabeth, death and bur place. Edward L. ALLMAN, 320 Milford St., Clarksburg, WV 26301

13. Seek desc of John SINGER who wrote his will 21 Feb 1821 in Harrison Co, VA, and named dau Rachel SINGER, dau Nancy BURTON, James BURTON, dau Hannah ELSBY (sic), Braswell (surname not clear in will), William SINGER, George SINGER and Peggy SINGER, and grandson Elias BURTON. Elias BURTON m Caty NISLEY (d/o George) 21 Oct 1822 in Harrison Co, (W)V. Family in 1850 Harrison Co Census: he age 55, schoolteacher; Catherine, ae 53; Andrew, ae 22; Elizabeth, ae 17; Julia, ae 12. A Fielding SINGER m Margaret BURTON 1 Nov 1822. Need to know if anyone has knowledge of ancestry of John SINGER. These people may be listed in some records as LINGER due to the similarity in appearance of S and L in old time script. Marjorie Heater HERRING, 12016 Midlake Dr., Dallas, TX 75218

14. James C. SHACKLEFORD m Morning GARRISON in Albemarle Co, VA, 11 May 1824. They later moved to present-day Upshur Co where James d 31 May 1878 and Morning d in 1872. Where are they buried? Patricia VIELLENAVE,

Rt 1, Box 36-9, French Creek, WV 26218.

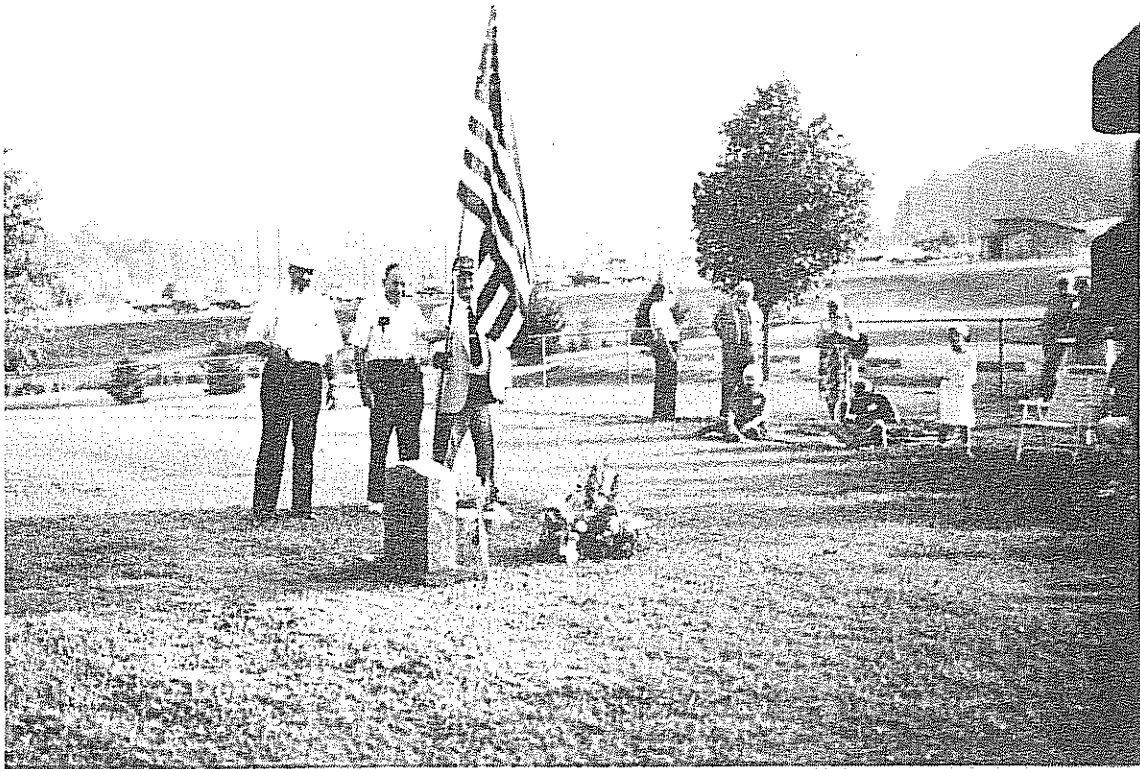
15. Need info on Alice Rebecca JARBO, b Jun 1854, my g. grandmother; m Joseph F. THOMPSON. I got her name from my grandfather's death certificate. Joseph d before 1870 and she is on the 1870, 1880, and 1900 census in Lewis County as head of household and a widow. Mary Jean (THOMPSON) REEVES, PO Box 367, Beech Bottom, WV 26030.

16. Seeking info on Martin CUMMINGS and family. The CUMMINGS family immigrated from Ireland ca 1870. They became residents of Weston, WV, and started farming about that period. Martin was related to Frank, George, James, Morris, and Thomas CUMMINGS. Martin m Mary KENNEDY and they had four children, Catharine, Margaret, James and Mary. I am anxious to hear from you and I have plenty of information to share. Bryan RIFLEY, 461 Las Palomas Dr., Port Hueneme, CA 93041. (805) 985-5033

17. My grandfather was Edward Andrew MILES, b 1875, d 1803 and bur Lorentz MP Church Cemetery. His pars Thomas H. MILES and Sarah LEMMONS/LEMON. Their children: William B. (b 1864), Virginia "Fanny" ( b 1866), John Thomas (b 1867), (George) Ernest (b 1868), and Joseph R. (b 1874). Need any infor you might have about this family. Dr. C. S. MILES, 100 Crystal Drive, Dryden, NY 13053.

18. New address but same families. STILL researching BOGARD, BRAGG, BRAKE, BROWN, BUSH, BUTCHER, CAIN, CAMDEN, CARPENTER, DAVIS, FLESHER, HYRE, KELSO, MOORE, POWERS, SCOTT, SIMON, SLEETH, SPRIGG, STUMP, TAYLOR, THORN, (Barbour and Hardy County), Wolf. Will answer every letter that includes self addressed, stamped envelope. *New interests:* William RADCLIFF, moved to Lewis County 1825 from Hardy County, had sons William and Jesse. Jesse went to Iowa. Seek desc; seek desc or info on the two men named William DYER who lived in Pendleton in 1810; seek pars or desc of the William HICKMAN who m Susan FLESHER in Harrison County in 1825; seek pars or desc of Levi HARPER who m Margaret FLESHER in 1840; seek info on Arnold CAIN who m Mary LOCKHARD in Harrison Co in 1815, where did these folks go??; need *anything* on John WEBSTER whose wife was Dorothy \_\_\_\_\_, possibly FLESHER, d Doddridge Co 1840's; seek info on family of Susanna FLESHER who m (1) Edward PARSONS (2) John GOFF, had kids who m SHAVER, BELL, and JONES. Went to Kanawha Co. How many kids did Susanna have? David ARMSTRONG, 201 Graham St., Elkins, WV 26241

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